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Harris County Probation Department

Mary Burnett School for Girls

Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys

Harris County Home for the Aged

Juvenile Detention Home

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PREFACE

The 1943 annual report of the Harris County Probation Department, Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys, Harris County Home for the Aged, and the Juvenile Detention Home has been streamlined as much as possible. There is only brief reference made to the programs or policies of the institutions and department, and the report is almost entirely statistical.

W. E. ROBERTSON

HARRIS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Probation Department has experienced very definite handicaps during 1943 with which we have not been confronted in previous years. Foremost among these relates to personnel, especially in the Delinquency Section of the Department. There have been many changes due primarily to the emergency brought about by the War which has resulted in members of the staff entering service and some resigning to accept work with war industries. It has been difficult to secure replacements and at no time during the year has there been a complete, experienced staff. However, at the end of the year, the situation was somewhat improved and there was only one position vacant.

The case loads of staff members due both to the increase of volume of work and to staff shortage has been noticeably heavier. This has meant that there has been more individual effort on the part of the probation officer than was necessary before in order to maintain the same quality of work.

Delinquency Section: The immediate question asked by all persons interested in the Probation Department is invariably, "is there an increase in delinquency?" It is rather difficult to answer positively and only by some explanation can a fairly accurate picture be given. In the first place, through a working relationship with the Crime Prevention Division of the Houston Police Department, there has been a division of responsibility which has resulted in the Crime Prevention Division handling a comparatively large number of cases of minor seriousness which are not referred or known to the Probation Department. Only those cases of more seriousness or where there is an indication of poor home situations which would require supervision are referred by the Crime Prevention Division to this Department. As a result, we find in going over the statistical information submitted that there has been approximately the same number of cases known to the Department involving delinquent acts of children as were handled in 1942. However, when we take into consideration the cases known to the Crime Prevention Division and not referred to the Probation Department, we find a very material increase in the number of cases of children involved in difficulty who are known officially by either or both of the departments.

It is well-known that a certain number of boys or girls are involved in difficulty on more than one occasion throughout the year. Each of these separate difficulties are counted as cases. When we figure on the individual number of children themselves, we find that there is a very noticeable increase in the number of individuals involved in trouble known to the Probation Department for this year. This number of 3,747 children compares with 3,200 for the previous year - an increase in the number of children involved in serious delinquency of 17 per cent. It might be more accurate in statistical reporting and in practical application of figures to gauge the delinquency situation upon this basis rather than upon that of accounting for all children known either to the Probation Department or to the Police Department because of minor difficulties. While we accept that the arguments and fusses in the neighborhood, damaging of shrubbery, occasional truancy, or being away from home without the consent of the parents, which is descriptive of many of the cases of less seriousness, are forerunners quite often of more difficult anti-social behavior, we doubt somewhat that this should be used in a comparative manner in arriving at the increase in delinquency. The great volume of work of both departments' work with children does show enormous increase over preceding years.

The number of children brought officially to the attention of the Court is practically the same as that for the preceding year and the number of children returned to the Court because of repetition of misconduct has shown a material decrease.

Of particular importance is the number of cases referred to the Department from various sources which were given intensive pre-court case work service. The total 1,045 cases of boys and 688 girls in 1943 compares with 662 boys and 762 girls for the year before. This means an increase of intensive effort on the part of the Probation Department in the cases of approximately 400 more children than were given similar service in 1942.

Greater emphasis has been placed upon continued supervision of children. More intensive effort has been made and as a result there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of children who have repeated offenses. Many of the boys under supervision have joined the armed service. Up to this point in excess of 200 boys who were wards of the District or Juvenile Courts or under the active supervision of the Probation Department for extended periods of time and for whom we have had official responsibility have joined various branches of the service. Many have seen action on the South Pacific and in the European area. Some have been wounded and others are in prison camps.

There is practically no difference in the number of individual girls with whom we have worked in comparison with 1942. However, the Crime Prevention Division has handled many cases of less seriousness which have not been referred to the Department. The total of those handled by the Probation Department and the Crime Prevention Division after elimination of those known to both departments has increased enormously.

The Crime Prevention Division has known officially 6486 cases involving boys and 1851 cases involving girls. Of this number 2075 have been referred to the Probation Department. Eliminating those cases known to both departments, the total picture reveals that 2634 cases of girls and 7533 cases of boys; totaling 10,167 were involved in difficulties of varying seriousness during the year. This figure represents cases and not individual children. The Crime Prevention Division does not have available the number of individual children handled by their department. Based upon the same proportion of children to cases as is shown in the Probation Department report, the more than ten thousand cases represent approximately 7147 individual different children.

Dependency and Neglect Section: The Dependency and Neglect Section has had a definite increase in volume of work. The number of individuals represented in the various cases reported for 1943 show an increase over the preceding year in the amount of 14.3 per cent. It should be realized that the increase in dependency and neglect of children at this time indicates an increase in delinquency in years to come. Realizing this, the staff of the Dependency Section, in cooperation with other agencies interested in the same work, is carrying on a closely coordinated program and making every possible effort to alleviate conditions in the home or neighborhood which contribute to dependency or neglect of children. Too much importance cannot be placed upon the need of the parents to realize and accept their responsibility for the care and supervision of their children. We have had many instances of rather deliberate neglect on the part of parents because of selfish reasons. Many mothers are employed

Foster Home Section: The Foster Home Section has carried on a very conservative and extremely successful program. A total of 86 children were cared for during the year. However, other arrangements were made for many of them so that at the end of the year only 46 of this group were still receiving care in pay homes. Through the efforts of members of the staff, 29 boys and girls were either returned to the homes of their parents, secured work or free homes, or entered the armed service. In addition to 10 of the children who formerly were in pay homes but who are now in work or free homes, the Department placed 62 boys and girls in free and work homes during the year. Most of these were placed through the Delinquency Section and are older boys. Only one of the boys now in pay foster homes is old enough to enlist in the armed service. He will graduate from school this coming June and, as has been true of all other boys upon reaching the minimum age of enlistment or upon completion of school work, plans to go immediately into service.

In the recapitulation, the volume of work of all the sections of the Probation Department has shown an increase in the number of individuals for whom we have had some responsibility. The number of individual persons with whom we have worked totals 11,281, an increase of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent over that of the preceding year.

DELINQUENT BOYS' SECTION

Volume of Work

Number of boys returned to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas, after revocation of parole by School	22
White	14
Colored	<u>8</u>
Detention:	
Number of individual boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	790
White	562
Colored	<u>228</u>
Total number of cases of boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	997
Number of cases represented in Juvenile Detention Home of boys held more than one time	207
Total number of formal complaints filed in boys' delinquency cases	853
Adjusted without court action	747
Adjusted by formal court action	<u>106</u>
Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, excluding parole department	2,103
Number of boys handled in home or neighborhood on cases reported	574
Number of boys interviewed in office on cases reported	<u>1,529</u>
Total number of cases reported, excluding parole department	3,562
Number of cases handled in home, et cetera	1,511
Number of cases interviewed in office	<u>2,051</u>

Juvenile Court Work

Institutional Commitments:	
Boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	86
White	55
Colored	<u>31</u>
Court's Probation and Parole Activities:	
Number of cases of boys placed on parole by Juvenile Court	38
White	25
Colored	<u>13</u>
Number of boys found delinquent, judgment withheld, passed under supervision	8
White	7
Colored	<u>1</u>
Number of boys found not delinquent by Juvenile Court	2
Total	48
Total number of cases brought before Juvenile Court, not committed	45
Total number of cases before Juvenile Court	134

Number of cases referred, brought before Juvenile Court	134
White	84
Colored	<u>50</u>
Average number of cases under supervision	92
White	58
Colored	<u>34</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Juveniles:

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1943	213
Number of boys added to supervisory case load	322
Number of boys paroled from Juvenile Court	38
Number of boys paroled from Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys, carried over from 1942	4
Number of cases passed indefinitely by Juvenile Court, not adjudged delinquent	8
Number of boys paroled from State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	76
Number of special cases	<u>196</u>
Total number of boys under supervision	535
Number of cases dropped from supervision during year	238
Number of boys under supervision on December 31, 1943	297
Average number of boys under supervision	278
Average number of boys on probation and parole, unemployed and not attending school	15
Number of boys re-entering school during year	54
Number of boys who obtained employment through parole officer	118
Number of home visits, office interviews, and other contacts with cases during the year	5,785

Adults:

Case load on January 1, 1943	1
New cases added during the year	2
Cases closed during the year	3
Case load on December 31, 1943	0
Number of men given supervision during the year	3
Average number of adults under supervision	3
Average number of men unemployed	0
Number of men obtaining employment through parole officer	2
Number of home visits, office interviews, and other contacts with cases during the year	21

Juveniles in institutions under supervision on December 31, 1943:

Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys, Webster, Texas	43
State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	92

Recapitulation:

Number individuals under supervision during year	673
Juveniles on probation and parole	535
Adults on probation and parole	3

DELINQUENT GIRLS' SECTION

Statistical Report

Number of girls returned to State Training School for violation of parole	0
Number of girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	2
Number of girls returned to Mary Burnett School for Girls for violation of parole	0
Number of girls paroled by State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	5
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	393
Number of individual girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	356
White	309
Colored	47
Number of girls held temporarily in Convent of Good Shepherd pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	14
Number of girls held temporarily in Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	21
Held, later released	9
Held, later committed	11
Held, December 31, 1943, not committed	1
Number of girls committed, not previously held	15
Total number of girls committed	26
Total of all girls held temporarily	391
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, reported (including 54 girls reported 1942, found and returned in 1943)	331
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, found and returned (including 54 reported as runaways in 1942, located and returned in 1943)	297
Runaway girls, residence outside Harris County, found and returned	161
Runaway girls not found on December 31, 1943	34
Number of formal complaints and petitions filed in Juvenile Court	415
Adjusted without court action	295
Adjusted with court action	120
Cases re-opened before the court by petition	33
Total number of cases reported to Girls' Section	1,233
White	1,022
Colored	211
Number individual girls represented in cases reported	1,109

Juvenile Court Work

Girls committed to Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire Texas	26	
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	13	
Girls transferred from Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas .	2	
Girls committed to Convent of Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	25	
Girls found not delinquent	0	
Total number cases of girls committed to State, County, and private institutions		66
Cases of girls paroled from Juvenile Court	19	
Cases of paroled girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	2	
Cases of girls paroled from Convent of Good Shepherd by Juvenile Court	11	
Cases passed by Juvenile Court without final adjudication	9	
Number of girls before Juvenile Court more than once	13	54
Total number cases before Juvenile Court		120
Number individual girls represented in cases heard by Juvenile Court ...		107

Charges Filed Against Adults in Connection with
Cases Involving Girls*

Felonies		26
White Cases	25	
Convicted	10	
Dismissed	5	
Found not guilty	3	
Pending	7	
Negro Cases	1	
Convicted	1	
Sentences after conviction:		
Total years in penitentiary		222
Total years suspended sentences		10
Misdemeanors		5
White Cases	4	
Convicted	1	
Dismissed	2	
Found not guilty	1	
Pending	0	
Negro Cases	1	
Convicted	1	
Total amount in fines		\$200.00
Total days in jail sentences		30

*These adults represent cases which occurred outside the City limits of Houston and within Harris County. All other cases of this sort within

Probation and Parole Work

Negro Girls Under Supervision:

Negro girls under supervision January 1, 1943	31	
New cases added during the year	<u>39</u>	
Total number of negro girls under supervision		70
Cases dropped from list of supervised girls because of health and conduct improvement		40
Number of negro girls under supervision December 31, 1943		30

White Girls Under Supervision:

Number of white girls under supervision January 1, 1943	86	
Number of girls added to supervision list on parole from State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	5	
Number of girls added to list on parole from Convent of the Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	11	
Number of girls added to supervision list on probation from Harris County Juvenile Court	19	
Number of girls under supervision during the year other than those listed above	<u>653</u>	<u>688</u>
Total white girls under supervision		774
Number white girls' cases closed during year		653
Number white girls under supervision December 31, 1943		121

Total number of girls under supervision of Probation Department during the year	844	
White	774	
Colored	<u>70</u>	
Total number of girls given service, but not continued supervision	<u>265</u>	
Total number of girls given service and/or supervision		1,109

Referred by Crime Prevention Division during 1943	550	
Referred by other sources	<u>683</u>	1,233

SUMMARY OF VOLUME OF WORK
of
DELINQUENCY SECTION

Number of boys' delinquency cases	3,562	
Number of parole boys' cases, not included in the above	535	
Number of cases of adults known to Delinquency Section	26	
Number of girls' delinquency cases	<u>1,233</u>	5,356
Individuals represented in all cases reported		3,776
Boys	2,638	
Girls	1,109	
Adults	<u>29</u>	
Total of all individuals before the Court		233
Boys	126	
Girls	<u>107</u>	

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Number of girls held in Mary Burnett School on District Court Order	26
Carried over from 1942	2
Placed during year 1943	<u>24</u>
Number of girls held, later released	10
Number of girls held, later committed	13
Number of girls held on December 31, 1943	3
All other commitments	13
Total number girls committed to Mary Burnett School for Girls by	
District Court	26
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	13
All others	<u>13</u>
Number of boys held at Bayland Orphan's Home for Boys on District	
Court order	25
Carried over from 1942	2
Placed during year of 1943	<u>23</u>
Number of boys held, later released	5
Number of boys held, later committed	18
Number of boys held, not committed on January 1, 1944	2
Total number of boys committed to Bayland Orphan's Home for Boys by	
District Court	49
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	26
All others	<u>23</u>
Children declared dependent and placed in private homes	20
Total number children committed to DePelchin Faith Home	78
Children committed through dependency petitions to DePelchin Faith	
Home	77
Children committed through divorce cases to DePelchin Faith Home ..	<u>1</u>
Total of all other commitments	98
Cases of children held temporarily at DePelchin Faith Home on court	
order on December 31, 1943	8
Children committed to Convent of the Good Shepherd on Dependency action .	2
Total all children committed by courts	174
Number of dependency petitions filed during year	90
Number of children involved in petitions filed	152
Number of dependency petitions pending on December 31, 1943	15
Number of dependency petitions dismissed during the year	8

Dependency Cases - No Court Action

Number of cases reported	188
New cases	113
Old cases	37
Carried over from 1942	<u>38</u>
Number of children involved in cases reported	370
New cases	217
Old cases reopened	78
Cases carried over from 1942	75

Adoption Cases

Number of cases referred by District Courts	203
Number of cases carried over from 1942	17
Number of cases investigated and reports made	195
Number of cases pending	25
Number of children involved in cases	238

Children of Divorced Parents

Number of cases referred	14
Cases carried over from 1942	3
Cases investigated and reports made	17
Cases pending on December 31, 1943	0
Children involved in cases referred	44

Habeas Corpus Cases

Number of cases referred	20
Cases carried over from 1942	3
Cases investigated and reports made	23
Cases pending on December 31, 1943	0
Number of children involved in cases referred	38

Guardianship through Probate Court

Cases referred	4
Cases carried over from 1942	0
Cases investigated and reports made	4
Cases pending on December 31, 1943	0
Children involved in cases reported	4

Work Permits

Number of cases referred for work permits	177
Number carried over from 1942	2
Number of permits recommended	84
Number of permits not recommended	95
Cases pending December 31, 1943	0

Investigations for County Judge in Consent for Adoption Cases

Cases referred for consent for adoption	21
Cases carried over from 1942	0
Children involved in the cases referred	21
Reports made on cases referred	21
Cases pending on December 31, 1943	0

Operators' Licenses for Children under Sixteen

Number of applications received	74
Number of applications recommended	27
Number of applications not recommended	47
Number cases pending on December 31, 1943	0

Feeble-minded Persons

Cases carried over from 1942	0
Cases reported	20
Persons committed to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	14
Cases adjusted or closed	16
Persons waiting admission on December 31, 1942	24
Adults	7
Children	<u>17</u>
Cases pending on January 1, 1943	1
Number of children involved in cases	28
Number adults involved in cases	16
Persons admitted to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	16
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1943	11
Male	11
Female	<u>0</u>

Children with Mental Illness

Number of children mentally ill	4
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Epileptic Persons

Cases carried over from 1942	2
Cases reported	4
Persons committed to Abilene State Hospital	4
Applications withdrawn after commitment	0
Cases adjusted or closed	0
Persons admitted to Abilene State Hospital (including 1 readmitted)	3
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1943	3
Male	2
Female	<u>1</u>

Cases of Blind, Deaf and Dumb

Applications filed	0
Children admitted	0
Children waiting admission	0
Case closed	0
Transportation furnished by Harris County to the School, trips	0
Transportation furnished by Harris County from the School, trips	0

Indigent Tubercular Persons

Persons for whom clothing and transportation was furnished by Harris County, admitted to State Tuberculosis Hospitals	26
Persons for whom Harris County provided transportation for their return from State Tuberculosis Hospitals	2
Cases pending at end of year where request for transportation and clothing is made	<u>19</u>
Total number of cases	<u>47</u>
Children	4

	12
Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	78
Number of individuals involved	170
Children	149
Adults	<u>21</u>
Number of minor service cases	183
Number of individuals involved in minor service cases	203
Children	143
Adults	<u>60</u>
Cooperative service on District Court wards - in custody of Faith	
Home - change of custody - adoption placement approvals, et cetera	68
Number of children	83

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION
of
DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Individual Cases Reported

Dependency and neglect cases	328
Investigations for District Courts	260
Adoption cases	220
Children of divorced parents	17
Habeas Corpus cases	<u>23</u>
Investigations for County Judge	278
Guardianship cases	4
Work permits	179
Consent for adoption	21
Operators' Licenses	<u>74</u>
Applications for admission to Harris County Home for the Aged	18
Applications for State Institutional Service	101
Feeble-minded cases	44
Children mentally ill	4
Epileptic cases	6
Indigent tubercular persons	<u>47</u>
Miscellaneous cases	329
Total of all cases	1,314
Number of individuals represented in cases reported	1,748
Children	1,586
Adults	<u>162</u>

SUPPORT SECTION

Number of active cases on January 1, 1943	773
Number of new cases accepted during year	538
Number of old cases reopened during year	<u>195</u>
Number of new complaints, some action taken	1,506
	432

Cash on hand December 31, 1943	None
Total amount collected during year	\$253,756.71
Total amount disbursed during year	\$253,756.71
Number of warrants issued	21,913
Number of receipts issued	21,913

Number of out-of-town inquiries, minor service cases not included in cases reported above	47
Number of children involved in these cases	81
Number of letters written on cases reported	1,586
Total of all children involved in cases reported	2,457
Total of adults in all cases reported	3,106

Receipts:

	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements
January	\$ 10,181.61	\$ 1,253.75	\$ 1,850.48	\$ 1,901.34	\$ 1,616.99
February	10,984.80	1,439.09	1,825.09	1,919.94	1,647.06
March	11,140.11	1,429.42	2,183.46	2,406.43	1,477.16
April	11,252.45	1,465.67	1,938.93	2,573.42	1,558.34
May	12,034.01	1,380.37	2,066.97	2,726.11	1,739.41
June	11,123.38	1,135.51	2,113.36	2,573.85	1,698.78
July	11,648.11	1,646.14	1,820.30	2,673.70	1,711.88
August	12,501.89	1,109.59	2,045.92	2,556.73	1,757.23
September	14,454.41	1,093.84	1,967.13	2,739.85	1,883.73
October	14,436.03	1,194.84	1,890.66	2,684.16	1,823.47
November	13,540.45	1,106.34	1,754.20	2,487.82	1,704.28
December	14,010.72	1,148.34	1,639.53	2,658.61	1,844.10
	\$147,307.97	\$15,402.90	\$23,096.03	\$29,901.96	\$20,462.43

	Justice	Total	Receipts Issued	Warrants Issued
January	\$ 1,178.75	\$ 17,982.92	1,699	1,699
February	1,285.00	19,100.98	1,683	1,683
March	1,373.75	20,010.33	1,873	1,873
April	1,537.75	20,326.56	1,862	1,862
May	1,505.25	21,452.12	1,963	1,963
June	1,675.69	20,320.57	1,755	1,755
July	1,555.06	21,055.19	1,810	1,810
August	1,615.98	21,587.34	1,902	1,902
September	1,442.48	23,581.44	1,833	1,833
October	1,568.48	23,597.64	1,893	1,893
November	1,384.98	21,978.07	1,847	1,847
December	1,462.25	22,763.55	1,793	1,793
	\$17,585.42	\$253,756.71	21,913	21,913

New Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>New Cases According to Race</u>			
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Mexican</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	73	3	76	22	2	16	40
February	44	5	49	23	3	13	39
March	85	5	90	21	4	23	48
April	94	4	98	29	3	15	47
May	70	4	74	25	4	12	41
June	82	6	88	29	3	18	50
July	93	14	107	42	2	18	62
August	87	12	99	37	2	22	61
September	63	10	73	30	2	11	43
October	40	4	44	17	1	13	31
November	65	3	68	23	0	11	34
December	82	3	85	30	1	11	42
	878	73	951	328	27	183	538

	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Letters</u>			<u>Total</u>
		<u>Active</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	
January	30	92	30	4	126
February	29	75	29	1	105
March	40	88	40	1	129
April	32	99	32	2	133
May	39	100	39	2	141
June	39	75	39	2	116
July	44	106	44	7	157
August	45	101	45	3	149
September	35	90	35	2	127
October	32	102	32	8	142
November	31	87	31	13	131
December	36	92	36	2	130
	432	1,107	432	47	1,586

Active Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>Average Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	1,293	25	1,318	767	25	792
February	1,375	23	1,398	803	23	826
March	1,307	24	1,331	768	24	792
April	1,373	23	1,396	783	23	806
May	1,357	27	1,384	774	27	801
June	1,329	19	1,348	763	19	782
July	1,360	29	1,389	778	29	807
August	1,390	31	1,421	791	31	822
September	1,391	32	1,423	795	32	827
October	1,387	33	1,420	790	33	823

Total children in work and free homes under supervision
on December 31, 1943 45
Total children in work, pay, and free homes under supervi-
sion on December 31, 1943 91
Total number of children in free, work, and paid foster
homes during year 148

Services to children in boarding homes:
Physical examinations 45
Psychometric examinations 3
Mental Hygiene studies 4
Hospitalization 12
Dental clinic visits of children 23
Medical clinic visits of children 39
Children attending camp 0
Children securing part-time and full-time employment ... 45
Children graduated from school 3
Children receiving vocational training 2
Boys entering armed services 6

Commodities Received from
Houston-Harris County Department of Public Welfare

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Value	Value
Trousers	37	Each	\$1.10	\$ 40.70
Shirts	37	Each	1.10	40.70
Shorts	14	Each	.35	4.90
Dresses	38	Each	1.10	41.80
Nightgowns	28	Each	1.10	30.80
				<hr/> \$158.90

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION
OF
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Cases handled by Probation Department	8,451
Delinquency Section	5,356
Dependency and Neglect Section	1,314
Support Section	1,587
Foster Home Section	<hr/> 194

Individuals represented in cases handled	11,281
Delinquency Section	3,776
Children	3,747
Adults	29
Dependency and Relief Section	1,748
Children	1,586
Adults	162
Support Section	5,563
Children	2,457
Adults	3,106

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The year 1943 has passed rapidly in spite of perplexing problems which it has encountered. In the early days of the School's existence there was real pioneering, but with all that there were not the problems which we have faced this past year. The shortage of teachers and other workers has been one of the issues which we have experienced. While the family of children has been somewhat smaller, there has been nearly the same number of commitments as heretofore. Nearly all of the older girls have been placed out, many doing defense work. At the close of 1943 there are three important positions to be filled - Assistant Cottage Teacher, Cooking Instructor, and Home Economics Teacher.

The closing of Gray Cottage, our first building, has been a handicap as it was a refuge for the tempermental children who found it hard to adjust in a large group.

There have been few improvements to the property during the past twelve months. Schoolhouse B has been painted inside and outside. Cargill's kitchen has been painted, as well as a few of the smaller rooms on the second floor.

In the academic department a few books have been added to the library, and with a donation made through Judge Hall and his Court a Picturol Projector, a screen, and thirty-five filmette strips were purchased. Through the courtesy of the Houston Public Schools, we have borrowed at times one of their sound machines and educational films. Visual education is an important factor in our School and we are looking forward to the time when we may have our own machine.

Juvenile Court Department

Population January 1, 1943	27
New girls held during 1943	21
Committed to the School	11
Discharged	9
Held on January 1, 1944	1
Other commitments	15
Total commitments during year	26
Individual girls placed during the year	27
Returned to the School during the year	11
Of this number placed again	2
Of this number still in the School	9
Discharged from the School	2
At large January 1, 1944	5
Population January 1, 1944	29
Individual girls cared for during the year	68

District Court Department

Population January 1, 1943	72
Girls held over from 1942, later committed	2
New girls held during 1943	24
Committed to the School	11
Discharged	10
Held on January 1, 1944	3

	18
Other discharges from the School	2
Others at large from the School	4
Population January 1, 1944	48
Individual girls cared for during the year	110

Summary of Both Departments

Population January 1, 1943	99
Girls held over from 1942, later committed	2
New Girls held during 1943	45
Committed to the School	22
Discharged	19
Held January 1, 1944	4
Other commitments	21
Total commitments during the year	45
Added from discharged list	1
Returned to the School during the year	29
Of this number placed again	10
Of this number still in the School	16
Of this number discharged from the School	1
Of this number at large	2
Other discharges from the School	4
Others at large from the School	9
Population January 1, 1944	77
Individual girls cared for during the year	178
Individual girls placed during year	73

Placement Department

	<u>District</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under supervision outside of School January 1, 1943	126	81	207
Discharged from this Department in 1943	29	24	53
Because of age	21	23	44
Because of location	2	0	2
Transferred to other institutions	5	1	6
Returned to relatives	1	0	1
Added to this Department in 1943	46	27	73
Added from discharged	2	2	4
Returned to the School in 1943	16	7	23
Placed again	8	2	10
At large	2	0	2
Discharged	1	0	1
In School January 1, 1944	5	5	10
Population of this Department January 1, 1944	138	81	219
Individual girls cared for in this Department in 1943	172	110	282
Visits to girls and in interest of girls	2,274	1,215	3,489
Follow-up work	1,822	1,092	2,914
Regarding girls still in the School	377	92	469
Regarding discharged girls	76	1	77
Number of investigations made	132	95	227
Number of placements made	138	39	177
Temporary placements	58	3	61
Permanent placements	80	36	116
Kinds of placements:			
College	1	0	1
Domestic	3	1	4

	<u>District</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hours spent in investigations, placements, and follow-up work	1,559	1,506	3,065
Hours spent on records	739	375	1,114
Hours spent on other office duties	430	300	730
Cards and letters sent to girls (approximate)			811
Cards and letters received from girls (approximate)			450
Visits made to the School by girls (approximate) ..	378	100	478
Telephone calls to and from girls (approximate) ...	995	180	1,175
Mileage:			
Personal cars	10,772	9,099	19,871
School car	2,138	1,572	3,710
Bus and Taxi (local and out-of-town)	557	.....	557
Train	5,662	1,400	7,062

Daily Population

	<u>In School</u>	<u>On Visiting List</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>District</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	
January	97	129	88	314
February	97	132	87	316
March	99	133	84	316
April	108	127	85	320
May	110	122	85	317
June	91	126	82	299
July	84	147	93	324
August	70	140	91	301
September	78	169	92	339
October	84	141	91	316
November	81	146	89	316
December	79	144	86	309
Daily average in the School				90
Daily average for District Court cases				138
Daily average for Juvenile Court cases				88
Daily average under care				316

Academic Department

Five Full-Time Teachers	Spring	Two Part-Time Teachers
Enrollment according to grades:		
Intermediates		11
Junior High:		
Seventh Grade		36
Ninth Grade		26
Senior High:		
Tenth Grade		20
Eleventh Grade		3
Twelfth Grade (Lamar High School)		4
Graduating from Junior High School		17

Five Full-Time Teachers

Summer

Registered for:

Low seventh grade	8
Low eighth grade	24
Ninth and tenth grade typing	18
Foods I and II	6
English III and IV	12
General Music	10
Piano	9
Swimming Red Cross Course (incomplete)	20
Swimming (Completing Skill Tests)	31

Six Full-Time Teachers

Fall

Two Part-Time Teachers

Enrollment according to grades:

Intermediate;	
Third grade	2
Fifth grade	5
Sixth grade	3
Junior High;	
Seventh grade	15
Low eighth grade	7
High eighth grade	17
Ninth grade	9
Senior High;	
Tenth grade	10
Eleventh grade	4
Twelfth grade (Lamar High School)	1
Completing work in Practical Foods	13
Physical Education;	
Intermediate and junior high school groups	54
Senior high school group	23

Articles Made in Sewing Room	Bryan	Cargill	Total
Dresses	254	96	350
Suits	8	7	15
Skirts	63	18	81
Blouses	29	9	38
Play suits	4	0	4
Gymnasium suits	1	0	1
House Coats	0	1	1
Slips	27	11	38
Bedspreads, embroidered	50	24	74
Curtains (Pairs)	53	23	76
Pajamas	29	6	35
Gowns	0	10	10
Panties	20	7	27
Scarfs, dresser	10	0	10
Collars	30	0	30
Surplices	1	0	1
Mail bags	3	0	3
Kitchen aprons	15	0	15

Baking done during the year 1943 in our four kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Gray</u>	<u>Total</u>
Loaves of bread	2,055	2,074	1,380	1,840	7,349
Biscuits	5,797	8,834	10,842	5,633	31,106
Rolls	6,263	3,100	9,335	3,388	22,086
Cookies	6,972	3,678	7,509	4,236	22,395
Muffins	5,700	2,380	6,500	2,460	17,040
Cakes	166	129	66	165	526
Cup cakes	176	876	1,093	1,140	3,285
Pies	161	136	323	173	793
Tarts .....	.....	91	42	.....	133
Doughnuts .....	.....	60	.....	.....	60

Jellies made, canning and preserving done in the four cottages:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Gray</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jelly (glasses)	27	68	10	4	109
Cucumber Pickles (quarts)	86	86	40	74	286
Beet Pickles (quarts)	127	20	8	12	167
String Beans (quarts)	105	30	42	18	195
Turnips (quarts)	25	00	00	39	64
Turnip Greens (quarts)	12	00	00	00	12
Sauerkraut (quarts)	18	00	00	00	18
Tomatoes (quarts)	75	36	20	30	161
Pumpkin(quarts)	14	00	00	00	14
Okra (quarts)	8	7	00	00	15
Carrots (quarts)	115	00	30	00	146
Squash (quarts)	44	20	00	00	64
Peas and Beans, Dried (quarts)	21	18	00	00	39
Chow-Chow (quarts)	00	3	00	00	3
Peas and Beans, Lima (quarts)	00	12	00	00	12

A total of:

109 Glasses of Jelly
 474 Quarts of Pickles, Kraut, and Relish
 682 Quarts of Vegetables
 39 Quarts of Dried Beans and Peas

School Products

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Eggs	2,390	Dozen	\$1,185.47
Chicken	263	Pounds	109.43
Turkey	100	Pounds	54.00
Stringbeans	39-1/4	Bushels	153.00
Cucumbers	34-1/6	Bushels	104.00
Okra	9	Bushels	45.00
Bell Peppers	1-1/2	Bushels	5.25
Squash	21	Bushels	48.35
Tomatoes	46	Bushels	230.00
Eggplant	1	Bushel	2.50

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Corn	113-1/2	Dozen	\$ 45.30
Radishes	14	Dozen Bunches	10.50
Beets and Greens	17-1/2	Dozen Bunches	21.88
Turnips and Greens	18	Dozen Bunches	31.50
Turnip Greens	18	Dozen Bunches	18.00
Mustard Greens	12	Dozen Bunches	12.00
Cushaw	800		200.00
Pumpkins	315		78.75
Hay	12	Tons (loose)	120.00
Total			\$3,010.62

Surplus Commodities

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Apples	10	Boxes	\$ 30.00
Irish Potatoes	5,200	Pounds	260.00
Carrots	650	Pounds	29.25

Clothing

Pajamas	117
Dresses	140

Received from Bayland Home for Boys

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresh Beef	224	Pounds	\$76.25
Fresh Pork	168	Pounds	53.76
Fresh Pork Liver and Pork Head	20	Pounds	6.40
Radishes	2	Dozen Bunches	1.00
Turnip Greens	8	Dozen Bunches	12.00
Turnips	30	Bunches	21.00

Medical Report

Number of visits	50
Number of girls seen at weekly clinics	693
Number of different girls seen	535
Average number of girls seen each month	58
Number of luetic cases under treatment	4
Number of pelvic checks	159
Number of returned girls examined	96
Number of new girls (at School)	50
Number of skin cases treated	55
Number of impetigo cases treated	1
Number of cases of trench mouth	2
Number of Ear, Nose and Throat cases examined	55
Number of suspected malaria cases	2
Number of girls with minor ailments	60

BAYLAND ORPHANS' HOME FOR BOYS

As was anticipated, there has been an increase in the population of Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys. This has been true even though more boys have been released either to foster homes or to relatives or to the armed service than were during the preceding year. Bayland started the year with a population of 26 dependent boys and ended with 43. There is every indication that this upward trend will continue during the coming twelve months. Mr. S. F. Cunningham, superintendent from the beginning of the year, resigned in August and was replaced by Mr. W. M. Chandler. Bayland Home also has had difficulties because of the shortage in staff. Only during the latter few weeks of the year was there a complete staff at the institution.

On the whole, the program has been successful. Particular stress was placed at the beginning of the year upon the necessity and advisability of the farming activities in order to assist materially in providing food for the institution and other County institutions. The report which follows will show the quantity and value of the produce produced and consumed at the Home.

The children have made good progress at the public school at Webster, Texas, and the excellent cooperation and fine attitude of the school authorities and community have added greatly to the success of the administration in doing constructive work with the boys.

Various individuals and organizations have been interested throughout the year in providing entertainment and recreational opportunities for our boys. There has been a great effort on the part of the staff itself since a maintenance man is no longer employed by the institution to keep the physical properties in good state of repair. A continuation of this policy will be in effect for the future. The boys themselves have been given greater responsibility and have applied themselves more earnestly to the duties about the Home particularly as it relates to farming and maintenance programs.

Statistical Report

Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1943	26
Number of boys committed through District Court	20
Number of boys returned to Home by District Court, previously committed	2
Number of boys transferred to Home from DePelchin Faith Home	26
Number of boys transferred from Autrey School to Bayland	<u>1</u>
Total number of boys committed and transferred by court order	49
Number of boys held on District Court order during year	25
Number of boys hold during year by District Court, later committed	18
Number of boys held by District Court order on December 31, 1943, not committed	2
Number of boys released to Autrey School	1
Number of boys returned to family or relatives by District Court order	10
Number of boys placed in foster homes through District Court order ..	16
Number of boys placed in work or free homes by District Court order ..	6
Number of District Court boys committed to State Training School for	

Proof of Total Population During Year

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1943		26
Committed	24	
Being held temporarily	2	
Number of boys committed by District Court	20	
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	2	
Number of boys transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	26	
Number of boys transferred from Autry School	1	
Total number of boys placed by Court to Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys		49
Number of boys held at Home by District Court	25	
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed	18	
Net total boys held by Court order, later released		5
Number of boys held temporarily on December 31, 1943		2
Total population		82
Number of boys in Home January 1, 1944	41	43
Committed	2	
Being held temporarily		
Number of boys released by District Court		34
Number of boys held by District Court	25	
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed	18	
Total number of boys held by Court, later released		5
Total population		82

Proof of Intake and Release

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1943		26
Number of boys committed by District Court	47	
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	2	
Total number of boys committed by Court		49
Total		75
Number removed from custody of Home by District Court		34
Number of committed boys in Home on January 1, 1944		41
Total		75

Miscellaneous

Average age of boys in Home on December 31, 1943	13 years, 3 months
Average period of time spent in Home by boys enrolled on December 31, 1943	13.37 months

Grade Classification as of December 31, 1943

Number of boys in third grade	2
Number of boys in fourth grade	6
Number of boys in fifth grade	2
Number of boys in sixth grade	13
Number of boys in seventh grade	7
Number of boys in eighth grade	5
Number of boys in ninth grade	3
Number of boys in tenth grade	3
Number of boys in eleventh grade	2

Medical and Surgical Work

Visits by County Health Officer and Nurses		4
Visits to the Clinics in Houston		33
Medical	4	
Bone	8	
T. B.	0	
Emergency	10	
	1	

Emergency trips to town	4
Number of times ambulance called by the Home	1
Number of operations (includes circumcisions and tonsilectomies)	12
Boys given typhoid immunization	35
Boys fitted with glasses	5
Boys receiving dental work	10
Boys receiving diphtheria immunization	10
Boys receiving Schick Test	35
Average number of treatments given in Home daily, including first aid	10
Boys given Tuberculin Test	35

Products Produced and Consumed at the School

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Milk	4,295	Gallons	\$.40	\$1,718.00
Butter	319	Pounds	.55	175.45
Pork	3,266	Pounds	.30	979.80
Beef	2,094	Pounds	.24	506.56
Veal	393	Pounds	.32	95.76
Eggs	935	Dozen	.45	420.75
Chicken	508	Pounds	.44	223.52
Green Beans	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushels	4.00	14.00
Butter Beans	20	Pounds	.15	3.00
Beets	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushels	1.00	10.50
Cabbage	15	Pounds	.05	.75
Fresh Corn	76	Dozen	.35	26.60
Cantaloupes	300	Each	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	37.50
Turnips and Greens	140	Dozen Bunches	1.50	210.00
Green Onions	120	Bunches	.05	7.00
Onions	300	Pounds	.05	15.00
Parsnips	16	Dozen bunches	1.00	16.00
Potatoes	4,450	Pounds	.04	178.00
Okra	10	Pounds	.19	1.90
Peppers	2	Bushels	2.00	4.00
Radishes	13	Dozen Bunches	.75	9.75
Carrots	30	Bunches	.09	2.70
Squash	5	Bushels	2.00	10.00
Green Peas	3	Bushels	2.50	7.50
Tomatoes	500	Pounds	.05	25.00
Watermelon	4,000	Pounds	.02	80.00
Pea Hay	1	Ton	15.00	15.00
Sorghum Hay	3	Tons	15.00	45.00
Grass Hay	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tons	14.00	21.00
Corn	10	Bushels	1.40	14.00
Total				\$4,884.04

Products Canned at Home

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
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Surplus Commodities Received from
Harris County Board of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Potatoes	1,000	Pounds	\$.04	\$ 40.00
Carrots	500	Pounds	.04	20.00
Shirts	80	Each	1.10	88.00
Pants	60	Each	1.10	66.00
Shorts	60	Each	.35	21.00
Total				\$235.00

Poultry and Live Stock

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Chickens	175	\$ 175.00
Hogs and Pigs	21	567.00
Cows	11	715.00
Heifers	5	250.00
Bull Yearlings	7	210.00
Calves	5	50.00
Horses	3	60.00
Mules	2	360.00
Total		\$2,387.00

HARRIS COUNTY HOME FOR THE AGED

The Harris County Home for the Aged has ended another year under the able administration of its Superintendent, C. B. Green, with very little change either as to program or the number of persons cared for in comparison with the preceding year. It is true that the population at the end of the year has decreased some 10 per cent and at the beginning of 1944, seventy-four aged persons were receiving care.

The health program of the institution, as has been true for a number of years, has been especially good. Six persons have died and comparatively few have been seriously ill. Fortunately, up through the end of the year, the institution has escaped the influenza epidemic almost entirely. Precautionary measures taken by members of the staff and by Dr. Louis A. Crapitto, and preventative medicine have in all probability prevented a large number of influenza and pneumonia cases. Credit should be given to the Superintendent, Physician, and to the entire staff for their untiring efforts to protect and improve the physical well-being of the men and women in their charge.

Two persons have left the Home after receiving Old Age Assistance and eleven have gone back into their own homes with relatives, or are supporting themselves because of the improved financial situations in the homes of relatives and in the community at large. Several of the old men have secured light employment, such as night watchman service, and have been able to support themselves adequately. They have been allowed to accept this employment with the understanding that, should they not be able to continue the work, they may return to the institution at a time when they are no longer able to support themselves.

There has been a further curtailment during the year of programs and entertainments formerly provided for the patients by organizations and agencies in the City and County. However, a limited number of church services and entertainments have been provided in spite of difficulty in transportation and the staff itself has worked out various types of recreational activities and study which have compensated for the loss of most of the sustaining programs which have been in effect at the institution for many years.

As is to be expected, the patients are very concerned about the war and discuss various phases of the world situation almost continuously. They are all very much in accord with all necessary regulations which have been made and accept rationing and the absence of certain things, such as clothing and provisions, which they formerly had in greater amount than during the past year, in an exceptional manner.

The most noticeable change in all statistical reporting for the Harris County Home for the Aged which reflects so definitely the improved financial situation in the community is one small item relating to the burials in the Harris County Cemetery. During 1942, there were 62 burials; in 1943, only 3.

Statistical Report

Number of persons in the Home January 1, 1943 81

Number of persons admitted during the year 15

JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

We again show as the result of the work of the Detention Home during 1943 that it has been called upon on more occasions than in previous years to give temporary care to boys and girls. A total of 1146 children, which represents an increase of approximately 29 per cent over the number detained during the preceding year, were given care. They averaged 5.80 days' care for each. This has meant a greater responsibility for members of the staff and Probation Department in working out other plans for them in order to keep the average length of time of stay in the institution as short as possible. The Detention Home has been handicapped also in varying degrees throughout the year by staff shortage. Numerous vacancies during 1943 has made it necessary for the personnel to work over time and has meant that individual members of the staff have had to assume additional duties in addition to those regularly assigned them in order that the program might maintain its balance.

The average length of stay of individual children has been increased to some extent because of the longer detention necessary for delinquent negro girls. These girls have so conducted themselves and their homes have offered such little opportunity that they were kept in the Home for medical treatment and training longer than the average white boy or girl or negro boy. This brings to attention the urgent need of institutional care for delinquent negro girls. A significant figure as listed in the report which follows shows the daily average number of children in the Detention Home to be 24.4 in comparison with 18.8 for the year before. There has also been a noticeable increase in the number of boys and girls detained in the Detention Home who had residence outside of Harris County. The increase over preceding year of 95 accounts for almost half of the general increase in the number of children held in comparison with the figures of 1942.

Volume

Number of cases of boys held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	997
White	701
Colored	<u>296</u>
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home ...	393
White	336
Colored	<u>57</u>
Total number of cases of children held temporarily in Juvenile	
Detention Home	1,390
White	1,037
Colored	<u>353</u>
Number of individual children held temporarily in Juvenile	
Detention Home	1,146
Girls	356
White	309
Colored	<u>47</u>
Boys	<u>790</u>
White	562
Colored	<u>228</u>

Age Groups (Continued)

Age	Boys		Girls		Total Children
	White	Colored	White	Colored	
15	182	79	66	11	336
16	221	61	79	13	374
17	7	3	80	9	99
18	...	...	20	3	23
19*	1	1	4	...	6
20	...	...	1	...	1
	<u>701</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>1, 390</u>

*Not used in calculating average age of
children detained.

Average age of children detained	14.75
Boys	14.17
White	14.4
Colored	14.1
Girls	15.38
White	15.7
Colored	15.0
Average length of stay in Juvenile Detention Home (Days)	5.88
Boys	5.73
Girls	6.41

Residence of Children Detained

Residence in City of Houston	890
Boys	690
Girls	<u>200</u>
Residence in Harris County - outside Houston City Limits	135
Boys	93
Girls	<u>42</u>
Residence outside Harris County	365
Boys	224
Girls	<u>141</u>
Daily average number of children in Juvenile Detention Home	24.4

Commodities Received from
Harris County Department of Public Welfare

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Value	Value
Irish Potatoes	1,200	Pounds	\$.04	\$ 48.00
Carrots	400	Pounds	.04	16.00
Dresses	20	Each	1.10	22.00
Nightgowns	20	Each	1.10	22.00
Trousers	20	Each	1.10	22.00
Shirts	20	Each	1.10	22.00

ANNUAL REPORT

of

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Harris County Home for the Aged

Juvenile Detention Home

For the Year 1944

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JUVENILE COURT

Delinquency Cases

County Judge, Sitting as a Juvenile Court

Dependency Cases and Guardianship

The six Civil District Courts alternate in hearing cases

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HARRIS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report for the Harris County Probation Department and County Institutions is submitted in brief form which is almost in its entirety statistical in nature. All departments have encountered handicaps in carrying out their full program by a comparatively large number of vacancies which have occurred throughout the year. Replacements have been difficult to make and as a result the individual case loads of the workers have been extremely heavy due to the combination of short staff and increase in volume.

The number of individual children known to the Delinquent Boys' Section of the Probation Department has increased from 2,638 in 1943 to 3,586 in 1944 - 36.7 per cent. The number of individual children known to the Delinquent Girls' Section of the Probation Department has increased during 1944 over the previous year from 1,109 to 1,323 - 19.5 per cent. The total number of delinquency cases in 1944 was 4,909 in comparison with 3,747 for 1943 - an increase in volume of approximately 31 per cent. This does not mean necessarily that there is the same proportion of increase in delinquency in Harris County. We must take into consideration that the Crime Prevention Division of the Houston Police Department handles a comparatively large number of cases of minor seriousness which are neither referred nor known to the Probation Department. Only by securing a total of individual children known to the Crime Prevention Division and the Probation Department, after elimination of all cases duplicated by the two departments, could we arrive at a figure of the total number of children involved in trouble to compare with a similar figure for the previous year and thus determine the increase or decrease of the work which, in turn, would reflect fairly accurately the amount of delinquency in existence in the County. We may assume, however, that the vast majority of the delinquency cases known to the Probation Department in 1944 were those of greater seriousness and that the balance are mainly cases of children involved in misdemeanors and other types of minor difficulties. Many of the boys and girls handled by the Probation Department are involved in trouble on more than one occasion during the calendar year. Statistically, the Probation Department counts each of these separate difficulties as a case. The total of cases, which includes the recidivist, has increased from 5,356 in 1943, to 7,011 in 1944. This gives us an increase in offenses of 1,655, approximately 30.9 per cent, which is about the same as the increase in the individual number of childr

The number of children brought to the attention of the Juvenile Court is approximately the same as for the preceding year and the number of children returned to the Court because of repetition of misconduct has decreased slightly. The figures showing 1,497 boys and 861 girls, a total of 2,358 children, referred to the Pre-Court Case Work Service Section where continued study and supervision was given compares to a total of 1,733 cases of children for the year 1943. The opportunity for more intensive study and supervision of a larger number of children gives emphasis to the efforts of the Probation Department in better understanding children and being in position to interpret to the Court the true situation in which they are involved in order that adequate and sound plans may be made for them in the future. We continue to place more emphasis upon long-time supervision of boys and girls. In 1944, a total of 2,380 boys and girls

We again show an increase in the amount of money received and disbursed in the Support Section. The increase from approximately \$253,000 collected in 1943, to \$300,000 collected in 1944, is regarded as a normal increase because of the full employment opportunities.

The Foster Home Section continued to develop its conservative and successful program with both dependent and delinquent children. A total of 164 boys and girls were either in pay or free and work foster homes during the year. Of this number, permanent placement either through the bonded service, return to the home of parents, or the assumption of responsibility by the child for his own support, was made for 61. In determining the volume of work of all sections within the Probation Department, we have the following figures for the year 1943 and 1944 together with the percentage of increase:

Total cases handled in 1943	8,541
Total cases handled in 1944	10,220
Percentage of increase	20.9%
Individual children and adults represented in cases listed for 1943	11,281
Individual children and adults represented in cases listed for 1944	13,138
Percentage of increase	16.5%

DELINQUENT BOYS' SECTION

MAIN OFFICE

Volume of Work

Number of boys returned to State Training School for Boys after revocation of parole	21
White	11
Colored	<u>10</u>
Detention:	
Number of individual boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	862
White	650
Colored	<u>212</u>
Total number of cases of boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	1,126
Number of cases represented in Juvenile Detention Home of boys held more than one time	264
Total number of formal complaints filed in boys' delinquency cases	1,087
Adjusted without court action	963
Adjusted by formal court action	<u>124</u>
Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, excluding Parole Section	2,455
Number of boys handled in home or neighborhood on cases reported	665
Number of boys interviewed in office on cases reported	<u>1,790</u>
Total number of cases reported, excluding Parole Section	4,144
Number of cases handled in home, et cetera	1,752
Number of cases interviewed in office	<u>2,392</u>

Juvenile Court Work

Institutional Commitments:	
Boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	88
White	65
Colored	<u>23</u>
Boys committed to other institutions (Boys' Ranch)	1
Court's Probation and Parole Activities:	
Number of cases of boys placed on parole by Juvenile Court ..	26
White	20
Colored	<u>6</u>
Number of boys found delinquent, judgment withheld, passed under supervision	6
White	4
Colored	<u>2</u>
Number of boys found not delinquent by Juvenile Court	2
Number of cases dismissed by Juvenile Court	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>35</u>

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Number of cases referred during the year--Main Office	1,212
White	807
Colored	405
Number of cases referred during the year--Branch Offices	285
Tri-City Branch Office	189
Pasadena Branch Office	96
Total of all cases referred during the year	1,497
Number of cases referred, brought before Juvenile Court	124
White	93
Colored	31
Average number of cases under supervision	106
White	67
Colored	39

Probation and Parole Work

Main Office

Juveniles:

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1944	297
Number of boys added to supervisory case load	402
Number of boys paroled from Juvenile Court	26
Number of boys committed and paroled	33
Number of cases passed indefinitely by Juvenile Court, not adjudged delinquent	6
Number of boys paroled from State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	108
Number of special cases	229
Total number of boys under supervision	699
Number of cases dropped from supervision during year	223
Number of boys under supervision on December 31, 1944	476
Average number of boys under supervision	399
Number of boys who obtained employment through Parole Officer	232
Number of home visits, office interviews, and other contacts with cases during the year	6,291

Adults:

Case load on January 1, 1944	0
New cases added during the year	1
Cases closed during the year	0
Case load on December 31, 1944	1
Number of men given supervision during the year	1
Average number of adults under supervision	1
Average number of men unemployed	0
Number of men obtaining employment through parole officer	1
Number of home visits, office interviews, and other contacts with cases during the year	10

Juveniles in institutions under supervision on December 31, 1944:

Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys, Webster, Texas	51
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Tri-City Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	347
Boys handled in home or neighborhood	113
Boys handled in office	<u>234</u>
Number of cases reported represented by individual boys	388

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pre-court case work service	189
White	163
Colored	<u>26</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1944	109
Number of boys added to supervisory case load during year	<u>347</u>
Total number of boys under supervision	456
Number of boys dropped from supervision during the year	<u>272</u>
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	<u>184</u>
Average number of boys under supervision during year	189
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation Officer	28
Number of boys referred to Probation Department Main Office	27
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office	320
Number of cases referred to Probation Department Main Office ...	29
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	359
Number of children in free foster homes during the year	19
White	19
Colored	<u>0</u>
Number of children in free foster homes at end of year	5
White	5
Colored	<u>0</u>

Pasadena Branch Office

(April 1, 1944, through December 31, 1944)

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	121
Number of cases represented by individual boys	210

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pro-court case work service	96
White	93
Colored	<u>3</u>

Number of boys referred to Probation Department Main Office	9
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office	112
Number of cases referred to Probation Department Main Office ...	9
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	201

Recapitulation of Delinquent Boys' Department

Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, including Parole Section	3,586
Boys reported to Probation Department Main Office	2,455
Number of boys given supervision in Parole Section	699
Number of boys reported from Tri-City Branch Office	320
Number of boys reported from Pasadena Branch Office	112
Total number of cases reported to Probation Department Main Office	4,144
Total number of cases reported to Parole Section	699
Total number of cases reported to Tri-City Branch Office	359
Total number of cases reported to Pasadena Branch Office	201
Total number of all cases reported	5,403

DELINQUENT GIRLS' SECTION

Statistical Report

Number of girls returned to State Training School for violation of parole	0
Number of girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	0
Number of girls returned to Mary Burnett School for Girls for violation of parole	0
Number of girls paroled by State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	6
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	456
Number of individual girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	371
White	317
Colored	54
Number of girls held temporarily in Convent of Good Shepherd pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	8
Number of girls held temporarily in Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	28
Held, later released	12
Held, later committed	11
Held, December 31, 1944, not committed	5
Number of girls committed, not previously held	20
Total number of girls committed	31
Total of all girls held temporarily	410

Number of formal complaints and petitions filed in Juvenile Court	461
Adjusted without court action	349
Adjusted with court action	<u>112</u>
Cases re-opened before the court by petition	17
Total number of cases reported to Girls' Section	1,216
White	998
Colored	<u>218</u>
Number of individual girls represented in cases reported	1,045
White	871
Colored	<u>174</u>
Cases referred to other agencies	41
Cases referred to other sections of the Probation Department ...	36

Tri-City Branch Office

Runaway Girls:	
Harris County Girls reported away from home	27
Harris County Girls found and returned home	27
Out-of-County girls reported away from home	4
Out-of-County girls found and returned home	4
Cases Reported:	
New Cases	117
Old Cases	<u>66</u>
	183
Individual Girls:	
White	140
Colored	<u>11</u>
	151
Cases referred to other agencies	12
Cases referred to inter-departments of Probation Departments ...	43
Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department Main Office	108

Pasadena Branch Office

Runaway Girls:	
Girls reported away from home	6
Girls found and returned	6
Cases Reported	43
Individual Girls:	
White	23
Colored	<u>0</u>
	23
Cases referred to Probation Department Main Office	4
Number of cases of girls not duplicated in Probation Department Main Office	19

Juvenile Court Work

Girls committed to Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas	31	
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	11	
Girls transferred from Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	1	
Girls committed to Convent of Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	6	
Girls found not delinquent	<u>2</u>	
Total number cases of girls committed to State, County, and private institutions and those found not delinquent		51
Cases of girls paroled from Juvenile Court	30	
Cases of paroled girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	0	
Cases of girls paroled from Convent of Good Shepherd by Juvenile Court	9	
Cases passed by Juvenile Court without final adjudication	5	
Number of girls before Juvenile Court more than once	<u>19</u>	63
Total number cases before Juvenile Court		<u>114</u>
Number individual girls represented in cases heard by Juvenile Court		93

Charges Filed Against Adults in Connection with Cases Involving Girls*

Delinquent		19
White Cases	17	
Convicted	8	
Dismissed	2	
Found not guilty	3	
Pending	<u>4</u>	
Negro Cases	<u>2</u>	
Convicted	1	
Sentences after conviction:		
Total years in penitentiary		134
Total years suspended sentences		15
Misdemeanors		8
White Cases	8	
Convicted	2	
Dismissed	0	
Found not guilty	1	
Pending	<u>5</u>	
Negro Cases	<u>0</u>	
Convicted	0	

Total amount in fines	\$200.00
Total days in jail sentences	455

Probation and Parole Work

Negro Girls Under Supervision:

Negro girls under supervision January 1, 1944	30	
New cases added during the year	<u>35</u>	
Total number of negro girls under supervision		65
Cases dropped from list of supervised girls because of health and conduct improvement		34
Number of negro girls under supervision December 31, 1944		<u>31</u>

White Girls Under Supervision:

Number of white girls under supervision January 1, 1944 .	121	
Number of girls added to supervision list on parole from State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	9	
Number of girls added to list on parole from Convent of the Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	9	
Number of girls added to supervision list on proba- tion from Harris County Juvenile Court	30	
Number of girls under supervision during the year other than those listed above	<u>692</u>	<u>740</u>
Total white girls under supervision		861
Number white girls' cases closed during year		682
Number white girls under supervision December 31, 1944		<u>179</u>

Total number of girls under supervision of Probation

Department during the year		926
White	861	
Colored	<u>65</u>	
Total number of girls given service, but not con- tinued supervision		<u>119</u>
Total number of girls given service and/or supervision		1,045

Referrals by Crime Prevention Division during 1944		3,425
Boys	2,668	
Girls	<u>757</u>	

SUMMARY OF VOLUME OF WORK of DELINQUENCY SECTION

Number of boys' delinquency cases	4,704	
Number of parole boys' cases, not included in above .	699	
Number of cases of adults known to Delinquency Section	19	
Number of girls' delinquency cases	<u>1,589</u>	7,011
Individuals represented in all cases reported		4,929
Boys	3,586	
Girls	1,323	
Adults	<u>20</u>	
Total of all individuals before the Court		213
Boys	120	
Girls	93	

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Number of girls held in Mary Burnett School on District Court Order	20
Carried over from 1943	2
Placed during 1944	<u>18</u>
Number of girls held, later released	8
Number of girls held, later committed	10
Number of girls held on December 31, 1944	3
All other commitments	2
Total number girls committed to Mary Burnett School for Girls by District Court	25
Transferred from DePolchin Faith Home	13
All others	<u>12</u>
Number of boys held at Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys on District Court order	16
Carried over from 1943	2
Placed during year of 1944	<u>14</u>
Number of boys held, later released	0
Number of boys held, later committed	14
Number of boys held, not committed on January 1, 1945	2
Total number of boys committed to Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys by District Court	22
Transferred from DePolchin Faith Home	3
All others	<u>19</u>
Children declared dependent and placed in private homes	4
Total number children committed to DePolchin Faith Home	53
Children committed through dependency petitions to DePolchin Faith Home	53
Total of all other commitments	<u>57</u>
Cases of children held temporarily at DePolchin Faith Home on court order on December 31, 1944	4
Total of all children committed by courts	104
Number of dependency petitions filed during year	71
Number of children involved in petitions filed	105
Number of dependency petitions pending on December 31, 1944	24
Number of dependency petitions dismissed during the year	1

Dependency Cases - No Court Action

Number of cases reported	247
New cases	160
Old cases	50
Carried over from 1943	<u>37</u>
Number of children involved in cases reported	471
New cases	310
Old cases reopened	99
Cases carried over from 1943	<u>62</u>

Children of Divorced Parents

Number of cases referred	15
Cases carried over from 1943	0
Cases investigated and reports made	15
Cases pending on December 31, 1944	0
Children involved in cases referred	39

Habeas Corpus Cases

Number of cases referred	23
Cases carried over from 1943	0
Cases investigated and reports made	21
Cases pending on December 31, 1944	2
Number of children involved in cases referred	40

Children's Work Permits

Number of cases referred for work permits	181
Number carried over from 1943	0
Number of permits recommended	89
Number of permits not recommended	92
Cases pending December 31, 1944	0

Investigations for County Judge in Consent for Adoption Cases

Cases referred for consent for adoption	23
Cases carried over from 1943	0
Children involved in cases referred	23
Reports made on cases referred	23
Cases pending on December 31, 1944	0

Operators' Licenses for Children under Sixteen

Number of applications received	96
Number of applications recommended	29
Number of applications not recommended	67
Number cases pending on December 31, 1944	0

Application for Admission to Harris County Home for the Aged

Applications filed for admission	14
Applications carried over from 1943	0
Applicants admitted to the Home	8
Applicants readmitted to the Home	0
Applications investigated, admission not granted	6
Applications pending on December 31, 1944	0

Feeble-minded Persons

Cases carried over from 1943	1
Cases reported	12
Persons committed to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	13

Children with Mental Illness

Number of children mentally ill	5
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Epileptic Persons

Cases carried over from 1943	5
Cases reported	14
Persons committed to Abilene State Hospital	17
Applications withdrawn after commitment	2
Cases adjusted or closed	1
Persons admitted to Abilene State Hospital	14
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1944	0

Indigent Tubercular Persons

Persons for whom clothing and transportation was furnished by Harris County, admitted to State Tuberculosis Hospitals	13
Persons for whom Harris County provided transportation for their return from State Tuberculosis Hospitals	1
Cases pending at end of year where request for transportation and clothing is made	0
Total number of cases	14
Children	1
Adults	13

Miscellaneous Cases

A number of miscellaneous cases, which could not be classified under any of the headings above, have been the responsibility of the Dependency and Neglect Section. These may be divided into two groups, investigations requested by out-of-town agencies and minor service cases.

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	92
Number of individuals involved	201
Children	172
Adults	29
Number of minor service cases	215
Number of individuals involved in minor service cases	275
Children	158
Adults	117
Cooperative service on District Court wards - in custody of Faith Home - change of custody - adoption placement approvals, et cetera	92
Number of children	110

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION OF DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Individual Cases Reported

Applications for State Institutional Service	60
Feebleminded cases	24
Children mentally ill	5
Epileptic cases	17
Indigent tubercular persons	<u>14</u>
Miscellaneous cases	399
Total of all cases	1,492
Number of individuals represented in cases reported	1,964
Children	1,765
Adults	<u>199</u>

SUPPORT SECTION

Number of cases active on January 1, 1944	813	
Number of new cases accepted during the year	519	
Number of old cases reopened during the year	<u>185</u>	1,517
Number of new complaints, some action taken		585
Number of cases active on December 31, 1944	935	
Number of cases for support of wives during the year	69	
Number of cases for support of children during the year ..		1,448
Average number of cases per month	866	
Wife only	19	
Children only	<u>847</u>	
Number of children receiving support during the year	2,467	
Average number of children receiving support each month ..		1,507
Cash on hand December 31, 1944	None	
Total amount collected during the year	\$300,127.54	
Total amount disbursed during the year	\$300,127.54	
Number of warrants issued	20,816	
Number of receipts issued	20,816	
Number of out-of-town inquiries, minor service cases not included in cases reported above	46	
Number of children involved in these cases	78	
Number of letters written on cases reported	1,728	
Total number of children involved in cases reported	2,589	
Total number of adults involved in cases reported	3,456	

Receipts:

	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements
January	\$ 14,398.84	\$ 944.84	\$ 1,605.41	\$ 2,428.77	\$ 1,723.00
February	14,813.00	1,057.84	1,483.91	2,439.14	1,614.00
March	15,758.43	1,140.84	1,561.23	2,687.33	1,997.75

Receipts (Continued):

	<u>Justice</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Receipts Issued</u>	<u>Warrants Issued</u>
January	\$ 1,270.75	\$ 22,371.61	1,800	1,800
February	1,623.25	23,031.14	1,640	1,640
March	1,267.00	24,412.58	1,746	1,746
April	1,301.75	24,059.24	1,722	1,722
May	1,164.00	25,652.70	1,843	1,843
June	1,420.07	24,471.21	1,693	1,693
July	1,234.00	25,016.13	1,708	1,708
August	1,315.50	24,885.22	1,725	1,725
September	1,274.00	25,214.53	1,699	1,699
October	1,295.30	28,265.35	1,829	1,829
November	1,221.63	26,158.30	1,706	1,706
December	1,378.00	26,589.53	1,705	1,705
	<u>\$15,765.45</u>	<u>\$300,127.34</u>	<u>20,816</u>	<u>20,816</u>

New Cases:

	<u>Court</u>						
	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Grand Jury</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Office Agreements</u>	<u>District Attorney Agreements</u>	<u>Justice</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	16	0	3	12	3	2	36
February	15	0	1	13	3	3	35
March	19	1	0	7	6	4	37
April	21	1	0	11	2	1	36
May	23	0	1	11	4	1	40
June	23	2	2	10	7	4	48
July	33	1	1	8	2	4	49
August	29	1	0	12	6	3	51
September	25	0	0	13	3	1	42
October	29	0	0	10	11	7	57
November	17	1	0	10	10	0	38
December	31	1	0	2	16	0	50
	<u>281</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>519</u>

Persons Receiving SupportNew Cases According to Race

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Mexican</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	15	0	55	20	1	15	36
February	65	3	68	23	0	12	35
March	67	2	69	24	0	13	37
April	52	8	60	25	0	11	36
May	72	6	78	29	0	11	40
June	82	7	89	32	0	16	48

	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Letters</u>			<u>Total</u>
		<u>Active</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	
January	43	159	43	8	190
February	38	71	38	4	113
March	58	99	58	9	166
April	47	109	47	3	159
May	61	91	61	3	155
June	41	85	41	8	134
July	50	81	50	2	133
August	60	123	60	0	189
September	55	103	55	2	160
October	42	105	42	3	150
November	51	37	51	2	90
December	39	46	39	4	89
	<u>585</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1,728</u>

Active Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>Average Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	1,394	19	1,413	782	19	801
February	1,399	20	1,419	794	20	814
March	1,409	19	1,428	802	19	821
April	1,403	17	1,420	798	17	815
May	1,448	18	1,466	806	18	824
June	1,492	20	1,512	830	20	850
July	1,522	17	1,539	855	17	872
August	1,562	21	1,583	877	21	898
September	1,581	20	1,601	883	20	903
October	1,603	22	1,625	906	22	928
November	1,626	17	1,643	914	17	931
December	1,645	18	1,663	917	18	935
Monthly Average	1,507	19	1,526	847	19	866

FOSTER HOME SECTION

Foster home applications received	36
Pending December 31, 1943	7
Received during year	<u>29</u>
Approved	18
Disapproved	3
Pending	11
Withdrawn by applicants	<u>4</u>
Foster homes approved, placed in use during year ..	26
Foster homes approved, not in use	11
Foster homes in use on December 31, 1943	30
Foster homes closed during year	26
Foster pay homes in use on December 31, 1944	30
Children in pay foster homes December 31, 1943	46
Children placed during year (Initial placements) ..	38
Children transferred from one home to another	10
Children returned to own homes	11
Children released to relatives and armed services ..	11
Children maintaining themselves in work and free homes	20
Children transferred to Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys, Webster, Texas	3
Children transferred to Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas	0
Children in pay foster homes on December 31, 1944 ..	53
White	47
Colored	<u>6</u>
Boys	36
Girls	<u>17</u>
Dependent	47
Delinquent	<u>6</u>
Children in pay foster homes during year	84
White	76
Colored	<u>8</u>
Parental status of children at end of year in pay foster homes:	
Two parents	18
Living together	4
Separated	<u>14</u>
One parent	25
No parent	<u>10</u> 53
Ages of children in pay foster homes at end of year:	
Children 15 to 18 years of age	22

Total children in work and free homes under supervision on December 31, 1944	50	
Total children in work, pay, and free homes under supervision on December 31, 1944 .	<u>103</u>	153
Total number of children in free, work, and paid foster homes during year		164

Services to children in boarding homes:		
Physical examinations	20	
Psychometric examinations	4	
Mental Hygiene studies	3	
Hospitalization	10	
Dental clinic visits of children	24	
Medical clinic visits of children	53	
Children attending camp	2	
Children securing part-time and full-time employment	20	
Children graduated from school	3	
Children receiving vocational training	5	
Boys entering armed services	2	

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION
of
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Cases handled by Probation Department		10,220
Delinquency Section	7,011	
Dependency and Neglect Section	1,492	
Support Section	1,517	
Foster Home Section	<u>200</u>	
Individuals represented in cases handled		13,138
Delinquency Section	4,929	
Children	4,909	
Adults	<u>20</u>	
Dependency and Relief Section	1,964	
Children	1,765	
Adults	<u>199</u>	
Support Section	6,045	
Children	2,589	
Adults	<u>3,456</u>	
Foster Home Section	<u>200</u>	
Children	164	
Adults	<u>36</u>	
Total number of individual children represented in cases handled		9,427
Total number of individual adults represented in cases handled		3,711

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

There is at the close of this year the same serious problem which confronted us last year - a shortage of teachers and other workers. Throughout the year we have faced this condition.

Our thirtieth year closed with a promise that our Chapel will be built soon. It is quite evident that this promise is to be fulfilled in 1945. The whole family is looking forward to that day when we shall have our first service in it and our friends will join us on the grand occasion.

Christmas brought its merriment and was also a time when former students remembered us with their good wishes. Messages from eighteen states, other than Texas, made us realize that our girls are scattered over a good part of our country.

Juvenile Court Department

Population January 1, 1944	29
Girls held from 1943 and later discharged	1
New girls held	28
Discharged	12
Committed	11
Still held on December 31, 1944	5
Other commitments	20
Total number of commitments	31
Total number being held December 31, 1944	5
Girls placed during the year	25
Girls returned to the School	10
Of this number placed again	8
Of this number in the School	1
Of this number discharged from the School	1
Girls transferred from District Court Department and being held ..	1
Population January 1, 1945	31
Individual girls in this department during year	72
Girls at large	8

District Court Department

Population January 1, 1944	48
Held over from 1943	3
Of this number discharged	3
Of this number still held	1
New girls held	18
Of this number discharged	6
Of this number committed	10
Of this number still held on December 31, 1944	2
Other commitments	15
Total commitments	25
Total number being held December 31, 1944	3
	23

Summary of Both Departments

Population January 1, 1944	77
Held over from 1943	4
Of this number discharged	3
Of this number still hold	1
New girls held	46
Of this number committed	21
Of this number discharged	10
Of this number still hold	7
Other commitments	35
Total number of commitments	56
Total number being held December 31, 1944	8
Girls placed during the year	48
Returned to the School	34
Of this number placed again	21
Of this number still in the School	10
Of this number discharged from the School	1
Of this number at large	2
Total number of girls at large	13
Population January 1, 1945	85
Number of individual girls in this department during year	173

Placement Department

	<u>District</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under supervision outside of School January 1, 1944	138	81	219
Discharged from the Department in 1944	35	14	49
Because of age	26	9	35
Because of location	1	2	3
Transferred to other agencies and institutions	6	2	8
Returned to relatives	2	1	3
Added to this Department in 1944	23	30	53
Added from discharged	3	0	3
Returned to School in 1944	21	10	31
Of this number placed again	13	8	21
Of this number at large	1	0	1
Of this number discharged from School	1	1	2
Of this number still in the School	6	1	7
Population in this Department, January 1, 1945	121	95	216
Individual girls cared for during 1944	164	117	281
Visits to girls and in the interest of girls	2,536	1,614	4,150
Regarding follow-up work	2,007	1,485	3,492
Regarding girls still in the School	450	116	566
Regarding discharged girls	79	13	92
Number of investigations made	148	86	234
Number of placements made	87	57	144
Temporary placements	20	3	23
Permanent placements	67	54	121

	<u>District</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>20 Total</u>
Cards and letters sent to girls, approximate .....	.....	.....	759
Cards and letters received from girls, approximate .....	.....	.....	464
Number of visits made by girls to School, approximate	370	63	433
Number of telephone calls concerning girls, approximate .....	.....	.....	3,950
Mileage:			
Personal cars	15,293	13,868	29,161
School car	10,101	2,077	12,178
Bus and taxi	967	350	1,317
Train	2,418	600	3,018

Daily Population

	<u>In School</u>	<u>On Visiting List</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>District</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	
January	81	142	87	310
February	87	134	89	310
March	89	129	85	303
April	90	128	85	303
May	98	127	85	310
June	86	133	99	318
July	81	128	95	304
August	83	131	95	309
September	85	132	99	316
October	86	134	103	323
November	85	133	100	318
December	89	125	103	317

Daily average in the School	87
Daily average, District Court cases	131
Daily average, Juvenile Court cases	94
Daily average under supervision of School	312

Academic Department

Our Spring and Fall Semesters are eighteen weeks long, five days a week and one hour periods. Our summer semester is nine weeks long, five days a week and one and one-half hour periods.

The change from eleven grades to twelve grades made our Junior graduating class very small.

Enrollment for the year has been as follows:

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Elementary:			
Third grade	2	0	5
Fourth grade	3	0	4

Special classes in penmanship were held during the summer when 42 pupils were enrolled. There were 19 piano pupils during the summer. Theory in foods was also offered in the summer with an enrollment of 13. Twenty enrolled in the Junior Course in Life Saving and Water Safety. Eight pupils completed the Senior Home Nursing Course this year. Nine pupils completed the Junior Home Nursing Course this year. During the spring and fall semesters physical education was taught twice a week. Glee Club and Chorus Classes met twice a week. Thirty girls took typing during the spring semester and five girls took the course in Junior Business. There were five Junior High School graduates. The exercises were held June 2, 1944, and following these an operetta, "Chonita" was given. Four twelfth grade girls attended Senior High School in Houston, two of whom graduated.

Not until October was it possible to secure someone to teach dressmaking at Cargill. The following list shows the work in that department for a part-time teacher during the last three months.

Articles Made in Sewing Room	Bryan	Cargill	Total
Print Dresses	182	35	217
Wool Dresses	12	...	12
Suits	13	1	14
Morning Dresses	30	...	30
Evening Dresses	5	...	5
Skirts	26	9	35
Shirts and Blouses	35	4	39
Slips	47	20	67
Gowns and Pajamas	74	10	84
Aprons, Kitchen	18	2	20
Curtains, Pairs	2	3	5
Dresser Scarfs	16	...	16
Table Cloths	2	...	2
Underwear	24	1	25
Costumes	40	...	40
Scout Suits	12	...	12
Pot Holders	24	...	24
Afghan for Red Cross	1	...	1
Wash Cloths for Red Cross	92	...	92
Baby Bands for Red Cross	6	...	6
Total	661	85	746

Classes are held daily, four days a week in Bryan and three days a week in Cargill. One girl has completed her dressmaking course, fourteen have been promoted to dressmaking. There are 25 in the daily classes and there have been 55 different girls in the Bryan Sewing Room this year.

Each of the three dormitories has a regular laundry day and the fourth day is used for any extra work. Besides the regular laundry which during the year numbers about 39,600 articles, there are 600 blankets each year, as well as spreads several times a year. While our laundry is old the equipment is sufficient for our needs.

Baking done during 1944 in the three kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Biscuits	4,704	6,442	16,750	27,896
Bread Loaves	1,217	2,358	1,674	5,249
Cakes	124	137	159	420
Cookies	5,141	2,325	7,749	15,215
Cup Cakes	374	2,403	2,672	5,449
Muffins	3,949	2,677	8,331	14,957
Pies	185	117	374	676
Doughnuts	162	468	....	630
Rolls	5,107	2,492	11,191	18,790

Canning and preserving in the three kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apple Butter (Quarts)	2	..	..	2
Chow-Chow (Quarts) .....	...	6	..	6
Cushaw (Quarts) .....	...	..	12	12
Jelly (Pints) .....	...	13	12	25
Kraut (Quarts)	270	50	..	320
Pickled Beets (Quarts)	13	..	..	13
Pumpkin (Quarts)	40	..	..	40
Tomatoes (Quarts) .....	...	26	..	26

School Products

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Eggs	2,409	Dozen	\$ 939.47
Okra	11 2/3	Bushels	35.75
Collard Greens	10	Bushels	13.50
Butter Beans	7 1/2	Bushels	26.00
Squash	12 1/2	Bushels	37.50
Sweet Potatoes	84	Bushels	237.00
String Beans	3 1/2	Bushels	14.25
Radishes	25	Dozen Bunches	20.95
Onions	23	Dozen Bunches	22.80
Mustard Greens	18	Dozen Bunches	16.50
Mustard Greens	5	Bushels	10.00
Cream Peas	18 1/2	Bushels	51.75
Tomatoes, Ripe	23 3/4	Bushels	80.13
Tomatoes, Green	1/2	Bushels	1.00
Corn	123 1/2	Dozen Ears	57.50
Cucumbers	7	Bushels	17.50
Cushaws and Pumpkins	345	Dozen	\$1.70
Cantaloupes	51	Dozen	101.75
Blackeyed Peas	3	Bushels	9.00
Cabbage	50	Pounds	2.00
Watermelons	227		79.45

Surplus Commodities

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
Irish Potatoes	9,500	Pounds	\$.04	\$380.00
Cabbage	1,300	Pounds	.04	52.00
Carrots	1,150	Pounds	.03	34.50
Canned Milk	30	Cases	2.85	85.50
Onions	350	Pounds	.04	14.00
Apples	500	Pounds	.04	20.00
Total				\$586.00

U. S. Drug and Food Administration

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
Flour	800	Pounds	\$.03	\$ 24.00

Received from Bayland Home for Boys

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Turnips	200	Pounds	\$ 8.00
Collards	130	Bunches	10.40
Beef	174	Pounds	34.80
Pork	399	Pounds	79.80
Total			\$133.00

Medical Report

Number of visits	50
Number of girls seen at weekly clinics	804
Number of different girls seen at Clinics	565
Average number of girls seen each month	67
Number of new girls examined	63
Number of Luetic cases under treatment	3
Number of pelvic checks	210
Number of returned and A. W. O. L. girls examined	103
Number of skin cases treated	87
Number of Trench mouth or gum condition	9
Number of Ear, Nose, and Throat cases examined	36
Number of cases checked with Athlete's Foot	8
Number of requests for stool examinations	3
Number vaccinated for Small Pox	1
Number of sprained ankles	3
Number treated for poor elimination	6
Number of girls under observation with broken bone	1
Number of complaints with eye	15
Number of physical checks	13
Number of girls reviewed	34

Number of girls seen and treated	1,218
Number of girls - monthly average	102
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital	92
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Emergency	8
Number of trips to Medical Clinic	7
Number of trips to Gynecologic Clinic	20
Number of trips to Neuro Clinic	2
Number of trips to Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic	28
Number of trips to Laboratory	33
Number of trips to Cone Clinic	1
Number of trips to Tumor Clinic	2
Number of trips to Skin Clinic	13
Number of trips to Bone Clinic	5
Number of trips to Eye Clinic	19
Number of operations at Jefferson Davis Hospital	25
Number of D. and C.'s	2
Number having warts removed	5
Number of tonsilectomies	8
Number of appendectomies	5
Number of blood transfusions	3
Number of mastoidectomies	1
Number of Colles fractures	1
Number of trips to injection clinic	2
Number of trips to Hermann Hospital	7
Number rectal operations at Hermann	1
Number of trips to Houston with girls	23
Number of trips to Dr. Wright's office	10
Number of trips to Venereal Disease Clinic	34
Number of trips to Dr. James Hill	1
Number of trips to Texas Dental School	57
Number of girls to Texas Dental School	149
Number of different girls to Texas Dental School	88
Number of trips to St. Joseph's Hospital	1
Number of trips to Dr. Corbett	16
Number of trips to Dr. Bressler	4
Number of trips to Dr. Sacco	4
Number of trips to Mental Hygiene	2
Number of trips to Medical Arts Building with girls	2
Number of trips to American Optical Company	23
Number of pairs of glasses received	12
Number of trips to Red Cross	3.

Entertainments

During the year the girls attended the Alabama, Tower, Lowe State, Delman, Majestic, River Oaks, Metropolitan theaters. On numerous other occasions they were guests at other places of entertainment, including the Fat Stock Show, hay rides, picnics at Hermann Park, San Jacinto River, and Ransom's Place, Coliseum, Houston Recreation Center, Shrine Circus, Ringling Brothers' Circus, and the Ship Ahoy.

Entertainment at the School includes programs planned by Walter L.

Donations

Magazines	718
Books	153
Bibles donated by Eloise Cauthen and Katherine Cozzens Circles of South Main Baptist Church	\$ 13.25
Bibles donated by the Fifth and Sixth Grade division of the Junior Red Cross, Eunice, New Mexico	\$ 10.00
New Junior Encyclopaedia, 12 Volumes, donated by Sears and Roebuck	
New Standard Encyclopaedia, 12 Volumes	
One-year subscriptions to: Readers' Digest, Life, Hygeia Holland's, American Home, Good Housekeeping, Christian Science Monitor	
Wearing Apparel donated by Levy Brothers Dry Goods Company, Mrs. W. E. Japhet, Miss Frances Harris, Mrs. Wayne Lawler, Nita's Hat Shop	
Victrola donated by Mrs. W. J. Buhmann	
Picture donated by Mrs. B. E. Emmerson	
Rotary Club of Houston - Christmas Fund	\$1,000.00
Brance-Krachy Company - Special Fund	377.00
Brance-Krachy Company - Special Fund	150.00
Sweeney Jewelry Company	125.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Educational Fund	100.00
F. W. Heitmann Company - Christmas Fund	15.00
Chapter W of PEO	10.00
Grand Jury - Gift to Educational Fund	
Chapter P of PEO - Handkerchiefs for Christmas	
Saks Shoe Store - 30 pounds of candy for Christmas	

Awards and Gifts

Betty Hillyard Bryan Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Captain James Asbury Tait Chapter, U. S. Daughters of 1812 - Award	
Dr. Elva A. Wright - Award	5.00
Wilbur H. Smith - Award	5.00
George Mellinger - Class Pins to Graduates of 1944	
A. L. Edmondson and George Mellinger - Gifts to Graduates of 1944	
Houston Rotary Club - Gifts to Graduates of 1944	
Mrs. Carrie Thomas and Mrs. Beulah Bono - Flowers to Graduates of 1944	
June Cox Medal	

Special gifts for Chapel Fund, sent to the School, not listed here.

BAYLAND ORPHANS' HOME FOR BOYS

During the year 1944 there has been a continuing trend in the increase in daily population of Bayland Home. At the beginning of the year a total of 43 boys were in the institution and at the end of the year this number had increased to 52, an average daily population increase in 1944 over 1943 from 36 to 42. The number of commitments from the courts were approximately the same as for the preceding year while the transfers from Faith Home which totaled 26 in 1943, dropped to the small number of 3 for the present year. The apparent change in policy of Faith Home in transferring children resulted in a decrease from 49 in 1943, to 29 in 1944 of new boys accepted in the institution.

Mr. W. M. Chandler, superintendent of Bayland Home for the major part of the year, resigned on September 26, 1944, to accept a position on the staff of the Probation Department and was replaced by L. C. Owens who is serving as acting superintendent on leave of absence as assistant chief probation officer.

A limited amount of improvements to buildings, grounds and equipment was possible because of financial limitations. However, some very needed improvements and maintenance work was accomplished and plans made for a great deal more for the coming year.

It should be emphasized that the academic school program at the Webster Public School has been quite successful due to the fine cooperation and continuing interest of the school authorities and community in the Bayland boys.

Greater emphasis is being placed upon the development of interest among outside groups, organizations, and individuals in the Bayland program. The work started in 1944 along this line will materialize during 1945 and will add greatly to an expanded and more construction program.

Statistical Report

Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1944	43
Number of boys committed through District Court	19
Number of boys returned to Home by District Court, previously committed	7
Number of boys transferred to Home from DePelchin Faith Home .	3
Total number of boys committed and transferred by court order	29
Number of boys held on District Court order during year	16
Number of boys held during year by District Court, later committed	14
Number of boys held by District Court order on December 31, 1944, not committed	2

Number of boys returned to family or relatives by District

Proof of Total Population During Year

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1944	43
Committed	41
Held temporarily	<u>2</u>
Number of boys committed by District Court	19
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	7
Number of boys transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	<u>3</u>
Total number of boys placed by Court at Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	29
Number of boys held at Home by District Court	16
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed	14
Net total boys held by Court order, later released	0
Number of boys held temporarily on December 31, 1944	2
Total population	<u>74</u>
Number of boys in Home December 31, 1944	52
Committed	50
Being held temporarily	<u>2</u>
Number of boys released by District Court	22
Number of boys held by District Court	16
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed	14
Total number of boys held by Court, later released	0
Total population	<u>74</u>

Proof of Intake and Release

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1944	43
Number of boys committed by District Court	41
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	<u>2</u>
Total number of boys committed by Court	29
Total	<u>72</u>
Number removed from custody of Home by District Court	22
Number of committed boys in Home on January 1, 1945	<u>50</u>
Total	<u>72</u>

Miscellaneous

Average age of boys in Home on December 31, 1944 .. 13 years, 1/2 month
 Average period of time spent in Home by boys
 enrolled on December 31, 1944 16.58 months

Grade Classification as of December 31, 1944

Number of boys in second grade	2
Number of boys in third grade	5

Medical and Surgical Work

Visits by County Health Officer and Nurses	3
Visits to the Clinics in Houston	71
Medical	36
Bone	22
T. B.	2
Emergency	8
V. D.	0
Eye	1
Ear, Nose and Throat	2
Boys placed in bed in the Home hospital room	15
Total days' time	53
Boys placed in bed in Jefferson Davis Hospital	3
Total days' time	145
Emergency trips to town	8
Number of times ambulance called by the Home	0
Number of operations (includes circumcisions and tonsilectomies)	11
Boys given typhoid immunization	43
Boys fitted with glasses	1
Boys receiving dental work	14
Boys receiving Schick Test	43
Average number of treatments given in Home daily, including first aid	5

Products Produced and Consumed at the School

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Milk	3,061	Gallons	\$.40	\$1,224.40
Butter	367	Pounds	.50	183.50
Pork	4,848	Pounds	.20	969.60
Beef	1,579	Pounds	.20	315.80
Eggs	1,206	Dozen	.50	603.00
Chicken	718	Pounds	.50	359.00
Green Beans	5	Bushels	4.00	20.00
Beets	8	Bushels	2.00	16.00
Cabbage	470	Pounds	.02	9.40
Fresh Corn	100	Dozen	.36	36.00
Cantaloupes	200	Each	.10	20.00
Turnips	300	Pounds	.04	12.00
Green Onions	110	Bunches	.07	7.70
Onions	100	Pounds	.05	5.00
Sweet Potatoes	103	Bushels	2.50	257.50
Irish Potatoes	600	Pounds	.05	30.00
Okra	12	Bushels	5.00	60.00
Bell Peppers	1	Bushel	2.00	2.00
Radishes	20	Bunches	.10	2.00
Carrots	120	Bunches	.10	12.00
Blackeye Peas	325	Pounds	.07	22.75
Tomatoes	630	Pounds	.10	63.00

Products Canned at Home

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Turnips and Greens	94	#2 Cans	\$.15	\$ 14.10
Corn	342	#2 Cans	.14	47.88
Tomatoes	82	#2 Cans	.15	12.30
Total				\$ 74.28

Surplus Commodities Received from
Harris County Board of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Potatoes	3,100	Pounds	\$.04	\$124.00
Carrots	550	Pounds	.03	16.50
Cabbage	500	Pounds	.04	20.00
Eggs	1	Case	9.60	9.60
Milk	10	Cases	2.85	28.50
Apples	500	Pounds	.04	20.00
Onions	1,000	Pounds	.04	40.00
Total				\$258.60

Received from U. S. Food and Drug Corporation

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Flour, Raisins, Coke Mix, Etc.	6,000	Pounds	\$.03	\$180.00
Gum	20	Cartons	.20	18.00
Total				\$198.00

Poultry and Live Stock

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Chickens	175	\$ 175.00
Hogs and Pigs	49	735.00
Cows	9	900.00
Heifers and Calves	11	440.00
Mules	2	360.00
Total		\$2,610.00

HARRIS COUNTY HOME FOR THE AGED

The Harris County Home for the Aged, under the administration of the Superintendent, C. B. Green, has given care throughout the year to 82 indigent aged persons, male and female, white and colored. The population of the institution has shown another decrease, as was true in the preceding year, from 81 to 74 men and women. The intake at the institution has also continued to decline and there is every indication that, unless there is a relaxation of the present policies regarding physical condition of applicants, the intake will continue to be small. Request has been made by persons who are bedridden that they be given care at the Home. These requests have been denied in line with the policy of not accepting bedridden patients.

The health program has been held intact even though the services of one nurse only was available for a considerable period of time throughout the year. The County Physician, Dr. Louis A. Crapitto, has continued his visits and clinic program throughout the year. As a result of his seeing an average of 18 persons in a clinic on each visit a great deal of preventive work has been accomplished. The health of the inmates on the whole has been exceptionally good and the average number of bed patients, those who become bedridden after admission, has decreased from 20 in 1943 to 16 in 1944.

A total of 7 patients have left the institution during the year after receiving Old Age Assistance or securing light work which pays sufficient for them to maintain themselves. The few men who have accepted temporary employment and who have been dropped from the roll have left with the understanding that they may return to the institution at a time when they are no longer able to support themselves so long as they maintain Harris County residence.

There has been a continued curtailment during the year of programs and entertainments provided by various organizations and agencies in the County. Only a limited number of church services and special entertainment programs has been possible because of transportation and other difficulties.

Statistical Report

Number of persons in the Home January 1, 1944	74
Number of persons admitted during the year	8
Number of patients dismissed to home of relatives, Old Age Assistance, and work	7
Number of deaths in the Home during the year	<u>14</u>
Total number of persons dismissed or deceased	21

Total number of persons in the Home at end of year

Proof of Population

Number of persons in the Home on January 1, 1944	74	
Number of persons admitted during the year	<u>8</u>	
Total		82
Number of persons dismissed after receiving Old Age Assistance	1	
Number of persons dismissed for other reasons	6	
Number of deaths	14	
Number of persons in the Home December 31, 1944	<u>61</u>	
Total		82

Medical Report

Visits made by Home physician	17
Average number of bed patients in the Home	16
Average number of different inmates seen in each clinic	18
Average daily attendance in Home Nurses' Clinic	23
Total number individuals receiving treatment at Jefferson Davis Clinics	8
Diagnostic	2
Emergency	3
Medical	2
X-ray	3
Bone	<u>6</u>
Total number of treatments received at Jefferson Davis Clinics ..	16
Total number of inmates admitted to Jefferson Davis Hospital	17

Products Produced and Consumed at the Institution

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Eggs	53	Cases	\$14.70	\$ 779.40
Pork	118	Pounds	.18	21.24
Cantaloupes	200	Each	.10	20.00
Okra	200	Pounds	.08	16.00
Onions	200	Pounds	.04	8.00
Peppers	4	Bushels	2.50	10.00
Tomatoes	320	Pounds	.18	57.60
Hogs	15	Each	6.22	93.29
Total				<u>\$1,005.53</u>

Received from Other Sources

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Value	Total Value
Bayland Home for Boys:				
Beef	168	Pounds	\$.18	\$ 30.04
Cabbage	45	Pounds	.03	1.35

Poultry and Live Stock

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Number of Chickens	240	Each	\$ 1.00	\$240.00
Number of Ducks	4	Each	.75	3.00
Number of Turkeys	5	Each	5.00	25.00
Number of Hogs	15	Each	7.50	112.50
Number of Mules	2	Each	150.00	300.00
Total				<u>\$680.50</u>

JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

The number of children temporarily detained in the Detention Home during the year 1934 increased approximately 9 per cent over the preceding year with a total number of 1,233 children held in comparison to 1,146 for 1943. However, the average number of children cared for remained approximately the same. The average age of the children was 14.62 years, almost identical with the age of the preceding year. Attention is called to the decrease in length of stay in the Juvenile Detention Home of almost one day. The average length of stay in 1943 was 5.88 days and for 1944, 5.03. Greater effort has been made to make early plans for children held. A shortage of staff in the Probation Department has hindered this work to a certain extent while the 355 boys and girls with residence outside of Harris County who were necessarily held pending arrangements for their return increased noticeably the average period of time necessary to care for the individual children.

Ninety-three negro girls, many of whom required treatment for venereal disease, were given more extended care during the year than was necessary proportionately for white girls. The absence of an institution for the treatment of negro girls has again been brought to our attention on numerous occasions because of the serious behavior and physical condition of many of the negro girls detained. Unless facilities are established in the very near future for the treatment of negro girls by the State, further consideration should be given to the enlarged facilities for the care of the negro girl in need of training and treatment.

Volume

Number of cases of boys held temporarily in Juvenile Home		1,126
White	836	
Colored	<u>290</u>	
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home		456
White	363	
Colored	<u>93</u>	
Total number of cases of children held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home		1,582
White	1,199	
Colored	<u>383</u>	
Number of individual children held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home		1,233
Girls	371	
White	317	
Colored	<u>54</u>	
Boys	862	
White	650	
Colored	<u>212</u>	

Age Groups (Continued)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>		<u>Total Children</u>
	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>	
15	176	66	78	15	335
16	314	104	90	19	527
17	5	6	73	23	107
18	...	...	11	..	11
19*	...	...	3	..	3
20	...	...	2	..	2
	<u>836</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>1,582</u>

*Not used in calculating average age of children detained.

Average age of children detained	14.62
Boys	14.48
White	14.43
Colored	14.62
Girls	15
White	14.77
Colored	15.24
Average length of stay in Juvenile Detention Home	5.03
(Days)	4.79
Boys	5.88
Girls	

Residence of Children Detained

Residence in City of Houston	1,066
Boys	809
Girls	257
Residence in Harris County - outside Houston City Limits	161
Boys	115
Girls	46
Residence outside Harris County	355
Boys	203
Girls	152
Daily average number of children in Juvenile Detention Home ...	24.8

Commodities Received from
Harris County Department of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Irish Potatoes	2,300	Pounds	\$.04	\$ 92.00
Carrots	200	Pounds	.03	6.00
Cabbage	400	Pounds	.04	16.00
Eggs	9	Cases	9.60	86.40
Milk	10	Cases	2.85	28.50
	200	Pounds	.04	8.00
				12.00

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JUVENILE COURT

Delinquency Cases

County Judge, Sitting as a Juvenile Court

Dependency Cases and Guardianship

The six Civil District Courts alternate in hearing cases

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HARRIS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

As has been the custom during the past four years of the war period, the Annual Report of the Harris County Probation Department and the County Institutions is submitted in brief form, made up almost entirely of statistical information and with very little explanatory material of the programs of the various institutions and department.

As has been true during the years past, the number of children known to the Delinquency Sections of the Probation Department has increased in volume over the preceding year. The number of individual children known to the Delinquent Boys' Section of the Probation Department has increased from 3,586 in 1944, to 4,003 in 1945, an increase of approximately 11.5 per cent. The number of individual girls known to the Delinquent Girls' Section of the Probation Department remains approximately the same as was reported during 1944. In 1944, 1,323 who were known to this section compares with 1,346 for 1945. This is the first year for a number of years that there has not been a nominal increase in the number of girls known to us because of delinquency. The total number of delinquency cases in 1944 was 4,929 and compares with 5,358 recorded for 1945, an increase of approximately 9 per cent.

We are not in position to make a definite statement as to whether or not these percentage increases in volume of work in the Probation Department are accurate estimates of the delinquency increase in the City and County, since the Crime Prevention Division of the Houston Police Department takes care of a very large number of cases of minor seriousness which are neither referred nor known to the Probation Department. Only by securing the total of individual children known to both agencies, eliminating all cases duplicated by the two departments, could we arrive at a figure of the total number of children involved in delinquencies to compare with a similar total for the previous year, and thus determine the increase or decrease of the volume of work, which in turn would reflect accurately the amount of delinquency in existence in the County actually known to the Probation Department and law enforcement agencies.

We assume, however, and it is in all probability quite correct, that the vast majority of delinquency cases referred to the Probation Department by the Crime Prevention Division and other law enforcement agencies were those of greater seriousness and that the vast majority not referred to us were in the main cases of children involved in minor difficulties.

Quite a few of the boys and girls with whom the Probation Department works during the year are involved in trouble on more than one occasion during the twelve months period. Statistically, the Probation Department counts each of these separate difficulties as a case. The total of the cases, which includes the repeater, has increased from 7,011 in 1944, to 8,300 in 1945. This gives us an increase in cases of offenses committed by the individual children known to the office of 1,289 boys and girls. This represents an approximate increase in number of cases of 18.5 per cent for 1945 over the previous year. However, it should be noted that in 1944 there was an

referred to the Pre-Court Casework Service in 1945 than in 1944. Long-time supervision, varying from a few months to the entire year, was given to 2,622 boys and girls in the main office and the three branch offices.

The Dependency and Neglect Section shows an increase in the volume of work. 1,964 individual children in 1944 were involved in the various dependency cases known to the office, while 2,126 were known in the various cases handled during 1945. We note that a larger number of younger children, many of whom are of pre-school age, are reported to the Department because of neglect on the part of parents than has ever been known in the Department heretofore. One reason for the increase in the volume of this type of case is the change in policy and working agreement between the County and DePelchin Faith Home, regarding emergency care for children. Prior to February, 1945, the DePelchin Faith Home gave emergency care to all pre-school age children and the majority of those up to twelve years of age. However, under agreement, the County assumed this responsibility and established a temporary receiving home, under the operation of one of our competent foster mothers, and places all children of pre-school age who need emergency care in this home and all of those of school age and above in either Mary Burnett School for Girls or Bayland Home for Boys. The first eleven months operation of Emergency Receiving Home resulted in 79 different children being given temporary care for periods of time varying from a few hours to a few weeks.

The Support Section has again, as has been true since its beginning, received and disbursed for support of children, and in a few instances for wives only, a greatly increased amount over the preceding year. Approximately \$300,000.00 collected in 1944 compares to \$358,000.00 in 1945, which was collected and disbursed during the past twelve months.

The Foster Home program has continued to carry on a very conservative and, on the whole, successful program with dependent and delinquent children. A total of 199 boys and girls were cared for, either in pay, free or work homes during the year. It is contemplated that the Foster Home program for 1946 will care for a much greater proportion of infants and younger children than has been true in 1945, since more or less permanent plans are having to be made for a continued larger number of younger children not heretofore accepted for care either in institutions or foster homes maintained by Harris County.

The volume of work of all sections within the Probation Department for 1945 is compared with the volume in 1944 in the table below:

Total cases handled in 1944	10,220
Total cases handled in 1945	11,739
Percentage of increase	14.86%

Individual children and adults represented in cases listed for 1944	13,138
Individual children and adults represented in cases listed for 1945	14,568
Percentage of increase	10.88%

DELINQUENT BOYS' SECTION
MAIN OFFICE

Volume of Work

Number of boys returned to State Training School for Boys		
Gatesville, Texas, after revocation of parole by School	28	
White	18	
Colored	<u>10</u>	
Detention:		
Number of individual boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	353	
White	666	
Colored	<u>137</u>	
Total number of cases of boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	1,070	
Number of cases represented in Juvenile Detention Home of boys		
held more than one time	217	
Total number of formal petitions filed in boys' delinquency cases	1,031	
Adjusted without court action	939	
Adjusted by formal court action	<u>92</u>	
Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated,		
excluding Parole and Probation Section	2,619	
Number of boys handled in home or neighborhood on cases reported	<u>844</u>	
Number of boys interviewed in office on cases reported	<u>1,775</u>	
Total number of cases reported, excluding Probation and Parole		
Section	5,172	
Number of cases handled in home, et cetera	2,106	
Number of cases interviewed in office	<u>3,066</u>	
Number of cases referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation		
Department	2,553	

Juvenile Court Work

Institutional Commitments:

Boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville,		
Texas		63
White	43	
Colored	<u>20</u>	

Court's Probation and Parole Activities:

Number of cases of boys placed on probation by Juvenile Court	27	
White	21	
Colored	<u>6</u>	
Number of boys found delinquent, judgment withheld, passed under		
supervision	2	
White	0	
Colored	<u>2</u>	
Number of boys found not delinquent by Juvenile Court	0	
Number of cases dismissed by Juvenile Court	0	
Total	<u>29</u>	

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Number of cases referred during the year - Main Office	1,551
White	1,023
Colored	528
Number of cases referred during the year - Branch Offices	357
Tri-City Branch Office	188
Pasadena Branch Office	81
Galena Park Branch Office	88
Total of all cases referred during the year	1,908
Number of cases referred, brought before Juvenile Court	92
White	64
Colored	28
Average number of cases under supervision	304
White	229
Colored	75

Probation and Parole Work

Main Office

Juveniles:

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1945	476
Number of boys added to supervisory case load	366
Number of boys placed on probation by Juvenile Court	27
Number of boys committed and placed on probation	39
Number of cases passed indefinitely by Juvenile Court, not adjudged delinquent	2
Number of boys paroled from State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	63
Number of special cases	135
Total number of boys under supervision	842
Number of cases dropped from supervision during year	375
Number of boys under supervision on December 31, 1945	467
Average number of boys under supervision	459
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation and Parole Officer	226

Adults:

Case load on January 1, 1945	1
New cases added during the year	1
Cases closed during the year	1
Case load on December 31, 1945	1
Number of men given supervision during the year	2
Average number of adults under supervision	2
Average number of men unemployed	0
Number of men obtaining employment through parole officer	1
Number of home visits, office interviews, and other contacts with cases during the year	18

Tri-City Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	329
Boys handled in home or neighborhood	126
Boys handled in office	<u>203</u>
Number of cases reported represented by individual boys	371

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pre-court case work service	188
White	173
Colored	<u>15</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1945	184
Number of boys added to supervisory case load during year	<u>302</u>
Total number of boys under supervision	486
Number of boys dropped from supervision during the year	<u>338</u>
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	148
Average number of boys under supervision during year	134
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation Officer	12
Number of boys referred to Probation Department Main Office	19
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office	320
Number of cases referred to Probation Department Main Office	23
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	348
Number of children in free foster homes during the year	17
White	15
Colored	<u>2</u>
Number of children in free foster homes at end of year	12
White	10
Colored	<u>2</u>

Pasadena Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	109
Number of cases represented by individual boys	161

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pre-court case work service	81
White	74
Colored	<u>7</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Galena Park Branch Office

(February 5, 1945, through December 31, 1945)

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	121
Boys handled in home and neighborhood	43
Boys handled in office	<u>78</u>
Number of cases reported	205

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pre-court case work service	88
White	86
Colored	<u>2</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Boys under supervision February 5, 1945	0
Boys added to supervisory case load	<u>121</u>
Total boys under supervision	121
Boys dropped from supervision during the year	<u>35</u>
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	86
Average number of boys under supervision during year	80
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation Officer	11
Number of boys referred to Probation Department Main Office	3
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office	118
Number of cases referred to Probation Department Main Office	3
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	202

Recapitulation of Delinquent Boys' Department

Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, including Probation and Parole Section	4,003
Boys reported to Probation Department Main Office	2,619
Number of boys given supervision in Probation and Parole Section	842
Number of boys reported from Tri-City Branch Office	320
Number of boys reported from Pasadena Branch Office	104
Number of boys reported from Galena Park Branch Office	<u>118</u>
Total number of cases reported to Probation Department Main Office	5,172
Total number of cases reported to Probation and Parole Section ..	842
Total number of cases reported to Tri-City Branch Office	348
Total number of cases reported to Pasadena Branch Office	156
Total number of cases reported to Galena Park Branch Office	<u>202</u>
Total number of all cases reported	6,720

Number of girls paroled by State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	12	
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	358	
Number of individual girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	306	
White	245	
Colored	61	
Number of girls held temporarily in Convent of Good Shepherd pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	10	
Number of girls held temporarily in Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	20	
Held, later released	9	
Held, later committed	9	
Held, December 31, 1945, not committed	2	
Number of girls committed, not previously held	13	
Total number of girls committed	22	
Total of all girls held temporarily	336	
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, reported	197	
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, found and returned	192	
Runaway girls, residence outside Harris County, found and returned	100	297
Runaway girls not found on December 31, 1945		5
Number of formal complaints and petitions filed in Juvenile Court	511	
Adjusted without Court action	395	
Adjusted with Court action	116	
Cases re-opened before the Court by petition	12	
Total number of cases reported to Girls' Section	1,212	
White	965	
Colored	347	
Number of individual girls represented in cases reported	1,092	
White	782	
Colored	310	
Cases referred to other agencies	40	
Cases referred to other sections of the Probation Department	28	

Tri-City Branch Office

Runaway Girls:

Harris County Girls reported away from home	23
Harris County Girls found and returned home	23
Out-of-County girls reported away from home	9
Out-of-County girls found and returned home	8

Pasadena Branch Office

Runaway Girls:		
Girls reported away from home	10	
Girls found and returned	10	
Cases Reported		32
Individual Girls:		
White	25	
Colored	<u>2</u>	27
Number of girls under supervision		12
Cases referred to Probation Department Main Office		5
Number of cases of girls not duplicated in Probation Department		
Main Office		22

Galena Park Branch Office

Runaway Girls:		
Girls reported away from home	11	
Girls found and returned	10	
Cases Reported		36
Individual girls:		
White	19	
Colored	<u>4</u>	23
Number of girls under supervision		13
Cases referred to Probation Department Main Office		5
Number of cases of girls not duplicated in Probation Department		
Main Office		18

Recapitulation of Volume of Work

Number of individual girls represented in cases reported	1,446
Main Office	1,092
Parole Section	210
Tri-City Branch Office	104
Pasadena Branch Office	22
Galena Park Branch Office	<u>18</u>
Number of cases reported	1,571
Main Office	1,212
Parole Section	210
Tri-City Branch Office	104
Pasadena Branch Office	27
Galena Park Branch Office	<u>18</u>

Cases of girls paroled from Juvenile Court	10	
Cases of paroled girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	0	
Cases of Girls paroled from Convent of Good Shepherd by Juvenile Court	12	
Cases passed by Juvenile Court without final adjudication	10	
Number of girls before Juvenile Court more than once	11	43
Total number cases before Juvenile Court		111

Number individual girls represented in cases heard by Juvenile Court	100
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Charges Filed Against Adults in Connection with
Cases Involving Girls*

Felonies		6
White Cases	6	
Convicted	3	
Dismissed	0	
Found not guilty	0	
Pending	3	
Negro Cases	0	
Convicted	0	
Sentences after conviction:		
Total years in penitentiary		75
Total years suspended sentences		0
Misdemeanors		1
White Cases	1	
Convicted	0	
Dismissed	0	
Found not guilty	0	
Pending	1	
Negro Cases	0	
Convicted	0	
Total amount in fines		None
Total days in jail sentences		None

Probation and Parole Work

Negro Girls Under Supervision:		
Negro girls under supervision January 1, 1945	31	
New cases added during the year	48	
Total number of negro girls under supervision		79
Cases dropped from list of supervised girls because of health and conduct improvement		42
Number of negro girls under supervision December 31, 1945		37

Children declared dependent and committed to Chief Probation Officer ...	18
Children declared dependent and placed in private homes	24
Total number children committed to DeFelchin Faith Home	44
Cases of children held temporarily at DeFelchin Faith Home on Court	
Order on December 31, 1945	0
Total of all children committed by courts	144
Number of children involved in petitions filed	169
Number of dependency petitions pending on December 31, 1945	26
Number of dependency petitions dismissed during the year	9
Number of dependency petitions denied during the year	1
Number of dependency petitions filed during year	106

Dependency Cases - No Court Action

Number of cases reported	371
New cases	220
Old cases	91
Carried over from 1944	60
Number of children involved in cases reported	502
New cases	258
Old cases reopened	115
Cases carried over from 1944	129
Number of cases adjusted or closed	221
Cases active and under supervision on December 31, 1945	150
Children involved in cases under supervision and active December 31, 1945	139

Adoption Cases

Number of cases referred by District Courts	258
Number of cases carried over from 1944	29
Number of cases investigated and reports made	257
Number of cases pending	23
Number of children involved in cases	302
Number of cases dismissed	7

Children of Divorced Parents

Number of cases referred	24
Cases carried over from 1944	0
Cases investigated and reports made	17
Cases pending on December 31, 1945	7
Children involved in cases referred	52

Habeas Corpus Cases

Number of cases referred	26
Cases carried over from 1944	2
Cases investigated and reports made	25
Cases pending on December 31, 1945	3
Number of children involved in cases referred	58

Investigations for County Judge in Consent for Adoption Cases

Cases referred for consent for adoption	34
Cases carried over from 1944	0
Children involved in cases referred	37
Reports made on cases referred	28
Cases pending on December 31, 1945	6

Application for Admission to Harris County Home for the Aged

Applications filed for admission	33
Applications carried over from 1944	0
Applicants admitted to the Home	13
Applicants readmitted to the Home	2
Applications investigated, admission not granted	13
Applications pending on December 31, 1945	0

Feebleminded Persons

Cases carried over from 1944	4
Cases reported	26
Persons committed to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	21
Cases adjusted or closed	2
Persons waiting admission on December 31, 1944	4
Adults	0
Children	<u>4</u>
Cases pending on January 1, 1945	4
Number of children involved in cases	22
Number of adults involved in cases	4
Persons admitted to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	6
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1945	19
Male	10
Female	<u>9</u>

Children with Mental Illness

Number of children mentally ill	6
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Epileptic Persons

Cases carried over from 1944	0
Cases reported	20
Persons committed to Abilene State Hospital	19
Applications withdrawn after commitment	0
Cases adjusted or closed	0
Persons admitted to Abilene State Hospital	19
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1945	0
Cases pending	1

Indigent Tubercular Persons

Persons for whom clothing and transportation was furnished by Harris

Miscellaneous Cases

A number of miscellaneous cases, which could not be classified under any of the headings above, have been the responsibility of the Dependency and Neglect Section. These may be divided into two groups, investigations requested by out-of-town agencies and minor service cases.

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	71
Number of individuals involved	103
Children	75
Adults	28
Number of minor service cases	190
Number of individuals involved in minor service cases	223
Children	187
Adults	36
Cooperative service on District Court wards - in custody of Faith Home - change of custody - adoption placement approvals, et cetera	94
Number of children	115

Branch Offices - Dependency Cases

Tri-City Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	51
Number of children involved in cases	97
Number of cases active and under supervision December 31, 1945	11
Number of cases under supervision December 31, 1945	19
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	43

Feebleminded Cases:

Number of cases reported	5
Number individuals involved in cases	5
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	5

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	12
Number of individuals involved in cases	19
Children	17
Adults	2
Number of minor service cases	83
Number of individuals involved in cases	96
Children	72
Adults	24

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Galena Park Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	13
Number of cases referred to Main Office	9
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	4
Number of children involved in unduplicated cases	9

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	3
Number of minor service cases	17
Number of individuals in miscellaneous cases	26
Children	21
Adults	<u>5</u>

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION of DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Individual Cases Reported

Dependency and neglect cases	554
Investigations for District Courts	308
Adoption cases	258
Children of divorced parents	24
Habeas Corpus cases	<u>26</u>
Investigations for County Judge	109
Work permits	75
Consent for adoption	34
Operators' Licenses	<u>0</u>
Applications for admission to Harris County Home for the Aged	30
Applications for State Institutional Service	73
Feeble-minded cases	35
Children mentally ill	6
Epileptic cases	20
Indigent tubercular persons	<u>12</u>
Miscellaneous cases	493
Total of all cases	1,567
Number of individuals represented in cases reported	2,126
Children	1,884
Adults	242

SUPPORT SECTION

Number of cases active on January 1, 1945	935	
Number of new cases accepted during the year	677	
Number of old cases reopened during the year	<u>61</u>	1,673
Number of new complaints, some action taken		659
Number of cases active on December 31, 1945		1,000
Number of cases for support of wives only during the year		76
Number of cases for support of children during the year		1,597
Average number of cases per month		936
Wife only	20	
Children only	<u>916</u>	
Number of children receiving support during the year		2,990
Average number of children receiving support each month		1,688
Case on hand December 31, 1944		None
Total amount collected during the year		\$358,293.79
Total amount disbursed during the year		\$358,128.79
Balance on hand December 31, 1945		\$165.00
Number of warrants issued		22,083
Number of receipts issued		22,083
Number of out-of-town inquiries, minor service cases not included in cases reported above		39
Number of children involved in these cases		72
Number of letters written on cases reported		1,833
Total number of children involved in cases reported		3,062
Total number of adults involved in cases reported		3,666

Receipts:

	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice
January	\$ 20,263.83	\$ 805.25	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 2,431.25	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 1,095.00
February	18,729.51	755.50	1,370.25	2,362.41	3,019.15	1,081.00
March	19,694.12	840.75	1,414.33	2,932.60	3,431.90	1,174.00
April	19,580.48	721.75	1,102.49	2,584.47	3,069.50	1,062.50
May	20,912.79	914.25	1,122.00	3,152.40	3,501.83	1,099.75
June	21,286.35	808.50	1,031.50	2,913.49	3,032.50	860.00
July	20,690.08	775.75	894.00	3,269.47	2,533.00	1,015.00
August	21,668.64	776.97	1,012.00	2,667.75	2,698.58	923.00
September	21,178.54	802.25	646.00	2,488.15	2,824.50	957.50
October	23,649.72	748.00	821.50	2,511.00	3,143.00	997.00
November	23,017.03	881.75	907.00	2,071.00	4,231.21	1,276.50
December	21,476.96	710.00	895.00	2,386.00	4,278.04	1,832.50
	<u>\$252,148.05</u>	<u>\$9,540.72</u>	<u>\$12,618.07</u>	<u>\$31,769.99</u>	<u>\$38,678.21</u>	<u>\$13,373.75</u>

New Cases:

	Court						Total
	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice	
January	20	0	1	8	15	3	47
February	23	0	1	5	10	4	43
March	23	0	0	16	10	0	49
April	27	0	0	10	11	3	51
May	30	0	0	9	11	1	51
June	36	0	0	13	13	2	64
July	28	0	0	13	10	5	56
August	40	0	1	8	9	3	61
September	32	1	0	8	18	4	63
October	35	0	0	11	24	10	80
November	28	0	1	5	16	5	55
December	24	0	0	6	19	8	57
	<u>346</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>677</u>

	Persons Receiving Support			New Cases According to Race			
	Children	Wives	Total	Anglo American	Latin American	Negro	Total
January	91	2	93	26	6	15	47
February	90	3	93	27	2	14	43
March	80	3	83	36	1	12	49
April	100	4	104	36	4	11	51
May	85	6	91	33	6	12	51
June	125	7	132	46	2	16	64
July	111	6	117	28	4	24	56
August	99	2	101	41	3	17	61
September	113	2	115	47	5	11	63
October	136	7	143	56	1	23	80
November	102	8	110	36	3	16	55
December	101	5	106	40	3	14	57
	<u>1,233</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>1,288</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>677</u>

		Letters			
	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Active</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	52	139	52	8	199
February	51	29	51	2	82
March	69	72	69	2	143
April	54	157	54	4	215
May	59	71	59	3	133
June	39	139	39	5	183
July	64	93	64	2	159

Active Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>Average Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	1,732	14	1,746	944	14	958
February	1,668	17	1,685	896	17	913
March	1,716	16	1,732	926	16	942
April	1,582	19	1,601	859	19	878
May	1,579	16	1,595	854	16	870
June	1,635	22	1,657	882	22	904
July	1,639	12	1,651	869	12	881
August	1,661	11	1,672	881	11	892
September	1,730	21	1,751	948	21	969
October	1,760	32	1,792	969	32	1,001
November	1,777	30	1,807	999	30	1,029
December	1,776	31	1,807	969	31	1,000
	<u>20,255</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>20,496</u>	<u>10,996</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>11,237</u>

FOSTER HOME SECTION

Foster home applications received	48
Approved	29
Disapproved	4
Pending	13
Withdrawn by applicants	<u>2</u>
Foster homes approved, placed in use during year	28
Foster homes approved, not in use	13
Foster homes in use on December 31, 1944	30
Foster homes closed during year	31
Foster pay homes in use on December 31, 1945	27
Children in pay foster homes December 31, 1944	53
Children placed during year (Initial placements)	40
Children transferred from one home to another	16
Children returned to own homes	24
Children released to relatives and armed services	8
Children maintaining themselves in work and free homes	19
Children transferred to Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	12
Children transferred to Mary Burnett School for Girls	5
Children in pay foster homes on December 31, 1945	44
White	43
Colored	<u>1</u>
Boys	30
Girls	<u>14</u>
Dependent	44
Delinquent	

Ages of children in pay foster homes at end of year:

Children 15 to 18 years of age	14
Children 12 to 15 years of age	13
Children 8 to 12 years of age	10
Children 0 to 8 years of age	7

Average age of children in pay foster homes	12 years, 9 months
Average population for year	49.3
Average length of stay in foster home	2 years, 4 months

Additional children in free or work homes through placement by Juvenile Court and Probation Department during year ..	79
White	58
Colored	<u>21</u>

Total children in work and free homes under supervision on December 31, 1945	75
Total children in pay homes under supervision on December 31, 1945	<u>44</u> 119
Total number of children in free, work, and paid foster homes during year	199

Services to children in boarding homes:

Physical examinations	41
Psychometric examinations	2
Mental Hygiene studies	6
Hospitalization	6
Dental clinic visits of children	19
Medical clinic visits of children	30
Children attending camp	2
Children securing part-time and full-time employment	17
Children graduated from school	2
Boys entering armed services	5

Emergency Receiving Home

Number of children given temporary care	79
Number of children in Home on December 31, 1945	8

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION
of
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Cases handled by Probation Department	11,739
Delinquency Section	8,300
Dependency and Neglect Section	1,567
Support Section	1,673
Foster Home Section	<u>199</u>
Individuals represented in cases handled	14,568
Delinquency Section	5,358
Children	5,349
Adults	2

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
AND
ETHEL A. CLAXTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The close of 1945 left us with fewer teachers in our academic department than did the year 1944. We are hoping for improved conditions during 1946.

On August 31, 1945, our laundry with its equipment and our shop, attached to the laundry, with its equipment, were burned. The new building will be erected and the equipment installed during the first three months of 1946.

Several new sections have replaced the old ones in Cargill's steam heater. The first cold spells found the building with no heat, but the heater is now in excellent condition and the building is warm.

A new hot water heater has been installed in Bryan Cottage. The water tank and tower have been repaired and painted. The water cut-off also has been repaired. All of the small buildings, except school room B, have been painted on the outside, giving a somewhat better appearance to the Campus.

The gift of sound equipment for our gymnasium has added greatly to the pleasure of the children. The purchase of an "Ironrite" has been quite an asset to the laundry department. Cargill kitchen has been given relief from the heat by the installation of an exhaust fan.

No words can adequately express the good and the joy derived from our Chapel. A separate page in the report is given to this.

It is requested that our cottages be put in good repair and painted this coming year, since little work has been done on them for several years.

The grounds are in need of better drainage, the banks of the ditches should be in shape for mowing, the hedge should be extended the length of our property on Yupon Street, trees should be placed along Avenue D to complete the line of trees already planted there. These improvements would add greatly to the Campus.

ETHEL A. CLAXTON, SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL POPULATION

ETHEL A. CLAXTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(District Court Department)

Population January 1, 1945	54
Girls held from 1944	3
Of this number discharged	1
Of this number committed	2
New girls held during year	25

Population January 1, 1946	58
Individual girls in this department during the year	103

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(Juvenile Court Department)

Population January 1, 1945	31
Girls held from 1944	4
Of this number committed	2
Of this number discharged	1
Of this number still held	<u>1</u>
New girls held during the year	16
Of this number committed	7
Of this number discharged	8
Of this number held January 1, 1946	<u>1</u>
Other commitments	13
Total commitments for the year	22
Total discharges	9
Girls still being held January 1, 1946	2
Girls placed during the year	23
Returned to School during the year	19
Of this number placed again	6
Of this number in the School	7
Of this number at large	3
Of this number discharged from the School	<u>3</u>
Other discharges from the School	4
Other girls at large	2
Total number of discharges from the School	7
Total number of girls at large	5
Population January 1, 1946	29
Number of individual girls in the School	69

Recapitulation

Population January 1, 1945	85
Girls held from 1944	7
Of this number committed	4
Of this number discharged	2
Of this number still held	<u>1</u>
New girls held during the year	41
Of this number committed	17
Of this number discharged	17
Of this number still held	<u>7</u>
Returns from discharge	1
Transfers from other institutions	7
Total commitments, transfers and returns from discharge	42
Total number being held January 1, 1946	8
Girls placed during the year	49
Girls returned to the School during the year	40

Placement Department

	<u>Ethel A. Claxton</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(Juvenile Court)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under supervision January 1, 1945	121	103	224
Discharged from this department in 1945	46	31	77
Because of age	22	23	45
Returned to parents	2	0	2
Because of location	20	2	22
Because of death	1	0	1
Returned to School	0	0	0
Transferred to other institutions	1	6	7
Added to this department in 1945	32	23	55
Returned to School in 1945	23	19	42
Of this number placed again	12	4	16
Population in this department on January 1, 1946	96	80	176
Individual girls cared for in this department in 1945	153	126	279
Visits to girls and in interest of girls	851	1,275	2,126
Regarding follow-up work	701	1,097	1,798
Regarding girls still in School	129	131	260
Regarding discharged girls	21	45	66
Number of investigations made	76	144	220
Number of placements made	57	107	164
Temporary	4	20	24
Permanent	53	87	140
Kinds of placements:			
Domestic	1	6	7
Professional and business	18	63	81
Parents' homes	21	22	43
Other relatives' homes	6	2	8
Own homes	6	6	12
Foster homes	2	1	3
Other institutions	3	7	10
Hours spent in investigations, place- ments and follow-up work	1,179	1,130	2,309
Other office work and miscellaneous	471	420	891
Hours spent on office records	750	448	1,198
Cards and letters sent to girls (approx.)			783
Cards and letters received from girls (approx.)			479
Number of visits made to School by girls	230	111	341
Number of phone calls to and from girls and regarding girls (approx.)			1,700
Mileage	12,149	16,711	28,860
School car	2,214	4,944	7,159
Personal car	9,935	10,839	20,774
Train		928	928

Daily average in the School	84
Daily average on the outside (Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls - District Court)	118
Daily average on the outside (Mary Burnett School for Girls - Juvenile Court)	97
Daily average of girls under supervision during 1945	299

Academic Department

Never in the history of the School has there been such a shortage of teachers for this department as during the year 1945. Had it not been that the seventh and eighth grades completed ~~two~~ hours work a day during the summer term they could not have completed their grades at the end of this semester because of this shortage.

Now that the School is admitting smaller children, it will be necessary to have two teachers for elementary work. At present there are too many classes to give to each the proper time.

Enrollment for the year has been as follows:-

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Elementary:			
First through Fourth Grades	5	0	11
Fifth and Sixth Grades	18	0	17
Junior High:			
Seventh Grade	12	8	10
Eighth Grade	20	11	17
Ninth Grade	12	9	22
Senior High:			
Tenth Grade	17	3	10
Eleventh Grade	2	5	7

The largest classes, aside from the Eighth Grade, have been in clothing, General Science, foods and Physiology.

In the spring, both Junior and Senior Home Nursing were taught. In the fall, a class in Senior Home Nursing was taught.

There were no physical education classes during the year except in the summer. Much enthusiasm was shown in the swimming work of the summer, and at the close of the term, a pretty water pageant was given. It was the first we have had.

Much attention has been given the music this year. In the spring, the Seventh Grade met one hour each of the school days. Their course consisted of training in rudiments of music, practice in ear training and sight singing, rhythmic and melodic drills, scale and chord building and rote singing. Two part rote and sight singing was introduced and various assembly programs were presented. The Eighth Grade was given a similar course but with more difficult

The same Christmas Cantata given at the First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Texas, December 23rd
 A program of music at the Candle Light Service in our chapel, December 24th.
 An anthem for each Sunday afternoon service in our chapel.

Classes in Practical Clothing

There are two sewing rooms where the practical work is done. Bryan Sewing room is open four days a week. Cargill Sewing room is open two or three days a week. The teacher in that department has part-time cottage duty.

<u>Articulos Made in Sewing Room</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dresses	215	92	307
Suits	4	0	4
Skirts	37	14	51
Blouses	31	12	43
Scout suits	8	0	8
Pajamas	62	28	90
Gowns	29	3	32
Panties	16	0	16
Slips	77	18	95
Dresser scarfs	24	0	24
Curtains-pairs	28	0	28
Pot holders	24	0	24
Towels-dish and hand	0	54	54
Handkerchiefs	14	0	14
Laundry bags	6	0	6
Costumes	20	20	40
House coats	0	2	2
For Red Cross:			
Afghan	1	0	1
Wash cloths	28	48	76
Totals	624	291	915
Beginners in Sewing - Betty Bryan Sewing room			14
Total number taking some sewing in 1945 - Betty Bryan			54
Promotions to dressmaking - Betty Bryan Sewing room			4
Number enrolled in daily classes - Betty Bryan Sewing room			26
Total number taking some sewing during the year in			
Cargill Sewing room (approx.)			50
Number enrolled in daily classes in Cargill Sewing room (approx.).....			25

Practical Foods

Because it has been difficult to know what we could buy in staple products and also in fresh vegetables, each kitchen has made its own menu.

In the Bayland kitchen, four girls have completed their course.

Baking done during the year 1945 in the three kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Biscuits	5146	1713	15235	22094
Bread	1793	721	1761	4275
Cakes	125	65	105	295
Cobblers	4	10	3	17
Cookies	2460	587	2732	5869
Cup Cakes	163	305	1582	2050
Doughnuts	85	0	0	85
Muffins	4171	1335	12639	18145
Pies	117	23	269	409
Rolls	2973	1655	10804	15432

Canning and preserving in the three kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apple butter (Quarts)	30	12	0	42
Apple sauce (Quarts)	12	0	0	12
Beets (Quarts)	2	0	0	2
Cucumbers (Quarts)	13	0	0	13
Pickles (Quarts)	2	0	60	62
Sauerkraut (Quarts)	136	38	0	174
Squash (Quarts)	0	0	6	6
Tomatoes (Quarts)	25	20	39	84

Public Canning - West University Place:

Squash (Quarts)	17
Cushaw (Quarts)	71
Pumpkin (Quarts)	127

Eggs - Vegetables
School Poultry & School Garden

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Eggs	2,184	Dozen	\$ 939.47
Poultry	307	Pounds	143.50
Cantaloupes	380		38.00
Carrots	1 1/2	Bushels	.75
Collards	7 1/2	Bushels	7.50
Corn	152 3/4	Dozen	55.77
Cucumbers	13 3/4	Bushels	23.36
Cushaws	217		100.00
Beets	7 1/2	Bushels	15.75
Eggplant	1	Bushels	2.00
Greens	22 1/2	Bushels	23.50
Okra	1 2/3	Bushels	3.66
Pumpkins	109		45.00
Squash	13 1/2	Bushels	32.00

Received From Bayland Home for Boys

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Produce	85	Bunches	5.75
Pork	920	Pounds	<u>156.40</u>
Total			\$ 162.15

Surplus Commodities
Received From Harris County Board of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Apples	20	Bushels	36.80
Cabbage	900	Pounds	27.00
Irish potatoes	40	Sacks	150.00
Powdered Eggs	6	Cases	50.40
Milk	20	Cases	<u>74.00</u>
Total			\$ 338.20

Annual Medical Report
of Dr. Elva Wright

Number of visits to School	52
Number of girls seen at weekly clinics	928
Number of different girls seen at weekly clinic	582
Average number of girls seen each week	78
Number of Luetic cases under treatment	8
Number of pelvic checks made	187
Number of returned girls examined	93
Number of new girls examined	45
Number of different kinds of skin cases treated	132
Number of E.N. T. cases examined	83
Number of girls with minor ailments	56
Number of girls with minor injuries	14
Number of laboratory reports requested	12
Number of girls reviewed	194
Number of girls for physical examinations	10
Number of eye cases seen and treated	<u>26</u>
Number of infected gum treatments	17
Number of other infections treated	7
Number of stys treated	2
Number of outside girls examined and treated	5
Number of girls sent to Jefferson Davis Hospital for Chest X-Rays ...	3
Number of vitamin injections given	5
Number of pregnant suspects	5
Number of bad colds treated	6
Number of overweights checked	9
Number of tonsilectomies sent to Jefferson Davis Hospital	5
Number of mastoidectomies sent to Jefferson Davis Hospital	2
Number of penicillin treatments given in Jefferson Davis Hospital ...	1

Number of trips to Jefferson Davis, E.N.T. Clinic	33
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis, Tumor Clinic	14
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis, Bone Clinic	1
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis, Skin Clinic	15
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis, Medical Clinic	2
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis, Gynecology Clinic	3
Number of trips to Dr. Wright's office	8
Number of trips to Tuberculosis Clinic for X-Rays	3
Number of X-Ray treatments at Jefferson Davis Hospital	4
Number of trips to University of Texas Dental School	62
Number of girls to University of Texas Dental School	429
Number of different girls to University of Texas Dental School	88
Number of trips to Old Jefferson Davis Hospital, Venereal Disease Clinic	52
Number of different girls to Venereal Disease Clinic for treatments ..	8
Number of out-of-town trips for girls	14
Number of trips to American Optical Company	26
Number of pairs of glasses received	19
Number of trips to Memorial Hospital	1
Number of trips to Hermann Hospital	6
Number of trips to Dr. Corbett	4
Number of trips to Artificial Limb Company	2
Number of trips with girls shopping and home	49
Number of trips to Bankers Mortgage Building, Clagett	24
Number of trips to American Red Cross	6
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Dental Department	3
Number of trips to St. Joseph Hospital	11
Number of trips to Dr. Snow's office	8
Number of trips, outing with girls	3
Number of trips to Dr. Foster's office	4
Number of trips to Mental Hygiene	10
Number of trips to Dr. Coloman (eye)	5
Number of trips to Dr. Warren (Dentist)	1

Entertainments

Auditorium	"Bettie Robbins Concert"	29
Music Hall	"Blackstone Magician"	43
Alabama Theatre	"The Secret Command"	12
Delman	"Waterloo Bridge"	30
Coliseum	"President's Ball"	15
Dolman	"Greenwich Village"	28
Tower	"Canterville Ghost"	20
Tower	"Can't Help Singing"	22
Delman	"Song of Bernadette"	24
Alabama	"Home in Indiana "	18
Fannin Street	"Miniature Golf"	26
Coliseum	"Scout Meeting"	12
Village	"Going My Way"	15
Eastwood	"Miniature Golf"	11
Village	"Sunday Dinner for a Soldier"	22
Tower	"Meet Me in St. Louis"	37

Fannin Street	"Miniature Golf"	35
Eastwood	"Miniature Golf"	29
Christian Endeavor	"Hayride"	11
Village	"Twice Blessed"	24
South Main	"Roller Skating"	26
Alabama	"Naughty Mariotta"	44
Delman	"The Great Patrick"	12
Venture Club	"Party"	4
Miss Louise Daniel	"Party"	6
Auditorium	"Tree of Light"	10
First Methodist Church	"Handel's Messiah"	7
Bellaire	"Christmas Carols"	24

Special Altrusa Projects
Big Sister Movement

In 1944 the Big Sister Movement was started by the Altrusa Club, and this work has been continued through 1945. Several members have been interested in little sisters from the School, taking them for outings, for overnight at their homes and by showing their interest in other ways. A trip to the Senior Girl Scout Camp was one of the outstanding outings for this group during 1945.

The Little Sisters entertained their Big Sisters with a buffet supper in the School Gymnasium.

The Chit Chat Club

The Vocational Information Committee of the Altrusa Club started a course of Chats at the School in 1944, and these have continued through 1945.

List of Chats - 1945	Altrusan Sponsoring or giving Chat
Personality	Miss Patricia McClure
Happiness in What You Do	Mrs. Nell Swartz
Speech Personality	Miss Billie Knight and Mrs. Jean Walker
Home Making	Mrs. Gladys Allensworth
Cosmotology as a Career	Mrs. Margaret Jones
Success in an Office Job	Mrs. Cecil Goodwin
Book Review-The Scarlet Lily	Mrs. Marjorie Lester
The Teaching Field	Miss Pearl Tallman and Miss Mabel Cassel
The Importance of Color in your Dress	Mrs. Cecil Goodwin
Hats	Miss Maud Ashby
Human Relationships in the home	Mrs. Edith Rennick
The Art of Being a Wife and Mother	Mrs. Elna Birath
The Nursing Profession	Miss Emmoline Renis
Ed Health Film	Miss Emmoline Renis

The Houston Rotary Club

The Houston Rotary Club has long been known as the Mary Burnett Santa Claus. It has been that, and far more, during the past twenty-seven years.

To begin with, the Christmas Season is a most delightful one each year, because the Rotary Club has made it possible for the children to have the material things they so much wish for, and, added to that, they have several special treats during the holiday week. This year beside the desired gift purchased for each; the candy, nuts and fruit for each; a certain amount was given those who had no money with which to purchase little gifts for others. An amount was also given each cottage to add to the decorations, and an amount was given that each girl could have several special treats during the week, skating and going to picture shows.

And then, there is the graduation time when each Junior High graduate receives a gift from Rotary.

Firms headed by Rotarians have added to our special fund, making it possible to purchase small birthday gifts, provide tickets for entertainments and do for the girls other things which contribute to their happiness.

The Public Entertainment Set given by one of our Rotary friends this December is helping the family to spend many happy hours. It is also bringing to the lovers of good music many of the operas and other classical pieces they enjoy.

Nor do members of the Club stop with these material gifts, but they have a special Mary Burnett Committee, appointed this year, who will visit the School from time to time and who will aid in the welfare wherever possible. Our School is being wonderfully blessed with real friends.

Home Programs

Now Year's Day - special dinner and some kind of entertainment
Entertainment each first Friday evening in the month - furnished by
Mr. Walter L. Carss

Band Concert, by Elks Club

Monthly Birthday Parties - planned by the Cottages, each one having four during the year

Washington's Birthday - special supper and entertainment

Valentine's Day - special program and refreshments

Fourth of July - picnic supper and program

Hallowe'en - party and refreshments planned by each cottage.
prize for the best one to Bayland

Thanksgiving Day - special dinner and entertainment

Christmas Day - something special all day

Cottage Notes

While the Bayland family can boast of but few improvements to add to the attractiveness of their cottage, their new draperies in the dining rooms have added a bright note to the downstairs.

Cargill was the first cottage to have one of its daughters married in the new Chapel. It was a very pretty little wedding, and the whole cottage seemed proud of the fact that it was the first to grace the Chapel in such a manner.

Many nights since the erection of the Chapel, Cargill girls (a few of them) with their teacher can be seen strolling over to it and when within its doors, they have the quiet meditation needed by everyone.

The furnace heat, which they were without during the first cold spells, has certainly given to the building a comfortable feeling.

The Chapel

A Chapel, a dream for years, has been erected on the ground dedicated for that purpose six years ago. A red brick building with white trimmings and a steeple of copper now graces the campus.

This project, taken over by the Council of Church Women with Mrs. W. J. Buhmann as chairman of the special Chapel Committee, has been in the process of construction for nearly a year, due to a shortage of materials and of labor.

The original plan for a ten thousand dollar building did not satisfy the Committee and so on faith they started a twenty-five thousand dollar structure and by faith they completed the same.

An undenominational and non-sectarian place for religious worship has given to the School the greatest gift which could possibly be bestowed upon it. No words can adequately describe what this place of quiet beauty will mean in the spiritual life of the School.

The building dedicated on the 16th of September has been in use since that time for the daily morning services and the Sunday afternoon preaching services. Some of the Catholic Sunday School classes and a part of the Christian Endeavor work are also being held there.

To the ministers of Houston, West University Place and Bellaire, we are most grateful for their cooperation and ready willingness to hold services on Sunday afternoons. They have been doing this for years in the gymnasium and now with even greater enthusiasm they are coming to the Chapel.

To the Council of Church Women, especially to the special Chapel Committee, we are greatly indebted for the months and months of service, for the raising of funds in such a manner as to interest churches, other organizations and individuals in the Mary Martha Chapel. Mere words cannot express our appreciation. Only the results of greater spiritual uplift can repay them for their labors.

To the churches, clubs and individuals who have contributed so generously to the Chapel fund, we say "Thank You" for the greatest material gift which could have been ours.

Wearing Apparel: Levy Brothers Dry Goods Company
 Mrs. A. P. Clay, Mrs. Frank Cavanaugh
 Mrs. C. J. Newby, Mrs. C. W. Dolancey
 Pictures and Vases: Mrs. Frank C. Gignoux

Rotary Club of Houston - Christmas Fund	\$ 1,012.66
Trustees, Bayland Orphans' Home - Special Fund	100.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Educational Fund	100.00
Bellaire Lions Club - Special Fund	25.00
F. W. Heitmann Company - Christmas Fund	15.00
Chapter W of PEO - Christmas Fund	13.00
Woman's Missionary Union - Recreational Fund	13.00
Chapter P of PEO - Handkerchiefs for Christmas	
Saks Shoe Store - 24 pounds of candy for Christmas	
Public Entertainment sound equipment - Mr. O. K. Spurrier	
Records - Ku-Shan Club	
Records - Rotary Anns	
Nuts and candy - a sack for each girl - Bellaire Lions Club	
Small barbecue pit - Mr. Scott	

Awards and Gifts

Betty Hillyard Bryan Scholarship	\$ 25.00
American Legion, John R. Burkott Post 77 - Awards, best themes on "Our U. S. Flag"	10.00
Captain James Asbury Tait Chapter, U. S. Daughters of 1812 - Award	5.00
Dr. Elva A. Wright - Award	5.00
Wilbur H. Smith - Award	5.00
Alffie Wise Talbot, U. S. Daughters of 1812 - History Award ...	5.00
George Mellinger - Class Pins to Graduates of 1945	
Houston Rotary Club - Gifts to Graduates of 1945	
Mrs. Carrie Thomas and Mrs. Beulah Bono - Flowers to Graduates of 1945	
June Cox Medal	

Special gifts for Chapel Fund, sent to the School, not listed here.

BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

The year 1945 marked a period of considerable physical improvement of the plant of the School on the shores of Clear Lake. Under the able direction of Mr. L. C. Owens, on leave of absence as Assistant Chief Probation Officer, the institution has replaced much of its old furniture and furnishings and has, by redecorating and other means, vastly improved the physical appearance both inside and out of Bayland Home. A continuation of the plan for improvements will within another year place the institution in excellent physical state of repair.

The School has steadily grown in population. It is anticipated that it will have steady increase of the number of children in need of care. There are two basic reasons for the continuing increase in population: first, the policy of intake has been changed to accept boys of school age, seven and above, where heretofore the somewhat artificial age line of twelve years was established; second, the apparent increase in problems in homes which resulted in neglect and need of care of children outside of their own homes.

It has been most pleasing to know throughout the year of the interest shown in the institution and in the children by the communities surrounding the Home, and particularly, of the excellent interest and cooperative spirit of the Webster Independent School Board, school superintendent and school faculty.

A number of groups and individuals have contributed greatly to the successful program of Bayland Home for 1945. The Christmas parties sponsored by women's service clubs, men's service clubs, churches and individuals were the high light of the year. The Kiwanis Club of Houston, as well as the Business and Professional Women's Club of the City, gave several parties and entertainments for the boys during the year. A number of gifts, such as pictures, furniture, furnishings and needed additions to the athletic equipment, was given by a number of individuals, church groups and civic clubs.

The sound, constructive program maintained throughout the year by Mr. L. C. Owens, Acting Superintendent, with the assistance of all those persons outside who are interested in Bayland and the boys, certainly indicates the possibility of an even greater sharing of the lives of these boys by the people of our County in our effort to build sound bodies and clear minds for the wards of the County.

Statistical Report

Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1945	52
Number of boys committed through District Court	20
Number of boys returned to Home by District Court, previously committed	7
Number of boys transferred to Home from DePelchin Faith Home	10
Number of boys transferred from Autry School	1
Number of boys transferred from custody of Chief Probation Officer ..	1

Total number of boys enrolled at Home December 31, 1945	63
Total number of individual boys cared for at Home, including those committed, held temporarily, et cetera, during year	101
Average daily attendance during the year	51

Proof of Total Population During Year

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1945	52
Committed	50
Held temporarily	2
Number of boys committed by District Court	20
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	7
Number of boys transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	10
Number of boys transferred from Autry School (Committed 1943)	1
Number of boys transferred from Chief Probation Officer	1
Total number of boys placed by Court at Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	39
Number of boys held at Home by District Court	25
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed	13
Net total boys held by Court order, later released.....	8
Number of boys held temporarily on December 31, 1945	4
Total population	<u>103</u>
Number of boys in Home December 31, 1945	63
Committed	59
Being held temporarily	4
Number of boys released by District Court	32
Number of boys held by District Court	25
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed	13
Total number of boys held by Court, later released	8
Total population	<u>103</u>

Proof of Intake and Release

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1945	52
Number of boys committed by District Court	50
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	2
Total number of boys committed by Court	39
Total	<u>91</u>
Number removed from custody of Home by District Court	32
Number of committed boys in Home on January 1, 1946	59
Total	<u>91</u>

Miscellaneous

Average age of boys in Home on December 31, 1945	13 years, 6 months
Average period of time spent in Home by boys enrolled on December 31, 1945	14.98 months

Medical and Surgical Work

Visits by County Health Officer and Nurses	1
Visits to the Clinics in Houston	107
Medical	52
Bone	12
T. B.	1
Emergency	11
Eye	15
Ear, Nose and Throat	16
Boys placed in bed in the Home hospital room	7
Total days' time	24
Boys placed in bed in Jefferson Davis Hospital	3
Total days' time	40
Emergency trips to town	11
Number of times ambulance called by the Home	0
Number of operations (includes circumcisions and tonsilectomies)	3
Boys given typhoid immunization	0
Boys fitted with glasses	7
Boys receiving dental work	20
Boys receiving Schick Test	0
Average number of treatments given in Home daily, including first aid ..	7

Products Produced and Consumed at the School

	Quantity	Unit	Average Unit Value	Total Value
Milk	5,647	Gallons	\$.45	\$2,541.15
Butter	633	Pounds	.50	316.50
Pork	7,788	Pounds	.17	1,323.96
Beef	1,112	Pounds	.20	222.40
Eggs	1,043	Dozen	.50	511.50
Chickens	248	Each	.50	124.00
Beets	29	Bunches	.10	2.90
Cabbage	148	Pounds	.03	4.44
Fresh Corn	39	Dozen	.40	15.60
Cantaloupes	200	Each	.10	20.00
Turnips	500	Pounds	.04	20.00
Green Onions	166	Bunches	.07	11.62
Sweet Potatoes	120	Pounds	.06	7.20
Okra	90	Pounds	.07	6.30
Turnip Greens	299	Bunches	.10	29.90
Collard Greens	86	Bunches	.08	6.88
Tomatoes	1,580	Pounds	.10	158.00
Squash	700	Pounds	.05	35.00
Peppers	10	Pounds	.10	1.00
Mustard Greens	253	Bunches	.07	17.71
Spinach	65	Pounds	.10	6.50
Broccoli	60	Pounds	.10	6.00
Higera Hay	3	Tons	25.00	75.00
Sorghum Hay	3½	Tons	25.00	87.50
1 Stag sold on foot	440	Pounds	.12½	55.00

Surplus Commodities Received from
Harris County Board of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Potatoes	1,800	Pounds	\$.03	\$ 54.00
Powdered Eggs	56	Pounds	.20	11.20
Apples	690	Pounds	.04	27.60
Cabbage	600	Pounds	.03	18.00
Canned Milk				8.64
Total				\$119.44

Received from U. S. Food and Drug Corporation

After condemnation by Federal Court, for use as stock food and
fertilizer:

Raisins, Cereal, Blackeyed Peas, Popcorn (Total weight) 71,000 Pounds

For use of the children:

Chewing Gum, Candy Mints, and Honey

Poultry and Live Stock

	<u>Head</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Chickens	150	\$ 1.00	\$ 150.00
Hogs	35	25.00	875.00
Pigs	24	10.00	240.00
Cows	13	100.00	1,300.00
Heifers	4	35.00	140.00
Calves (Bull)	6	6.00	36.00
Calves (Heifer)	3	8.00	24.00
Mules	2	150.00	300.00
Horses	6	50.00	300.00
Total			\$3,365.00

Produce Given to Other County Institutions

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Pork				
Mary Burnett School for Girls	920	Pounds	\$.17	\$156.40
Harris County Home for the Aged	977	Pounds	.17	166.09
Juvenile Detention Home	451	Pounds	.17	62.67

Garden Produce

Mary Burnett School for Girls:

 Turnip and Mustard Greens, Squash 5.75

Harris County Home for the Aged:

 Turnip and Mustard Greens, Tomatoes 21.10

Juvenile Detention Home:

 Turnip and Mustard Greens, Squash, Tomatoes 40.38

HARRIS COUNTY HOME FOR THE AGED

The average population of the Harris County Home for the Aged has again, for the tenth consecutive year, decreased slightly. At the end of the year 64 persons, men and women, both white and colored, were residing in the institution.

The Home for the Aged is in position to care for approximately 100 persons. Consideration is being requested of the Harris County Juvenile Board and Commissioners' Court in the budget requests for 1945 of a change in intake policy, which would result in acceptance of bed patients who are not of unsound mind and who do not have contagious or infectious diseases. If this policy is approved, it is expected that the institution will be operating at capacity within the first six months of the year.

During the war period many of the churches, clubs and organizations, who sponsored and maintained consistent interest in the spiritual and recreational life of the old people at the home, were forced to curtail, and in many instances discontinue, their programs. However, during the last six months of 1945, when transportation became available, the various groups again started their most valuable programs. During the entire year of 1946, it is anticipated that all of the approximately thirty clubs and organizations, who heretofore have shown their interest in the institution and its residents, will be back making their contribution to the happiness and spiritual well-being of everyone in the Home for the Aged.

Statistical Report

Number of persons in the Home January 1, 1945	61
Number of persons admitted during the year	18
Number of patients transferred after developing mental illness	3
Number of patients dismissed to home of relatives, Old Age Assistance, and work	5
Number of deaths in the Home during the year	7
Total number of persons dismissed or deceased	15
Total number of persons in the Home at end of year	64
Total number of persons cared for during the year	79
Average daily population during the year	64
Average period of time in institution in years	6
Average age of inmates in years	72
Number of burials in Harris County Cemetery	5

Proof of Population

Number of persons in the Home on January 1, 1945	61
Number of persons admitted during the year	18

Medical Report

Visits made by Home physician	17
Average number of bed patients in the Home	18
Average number of different inmates seen in each clinic	21
Average daily attendance in Home Nurses' Clinic	24
Total number individuals receiving treatment at Jefferson Davis Clinics	13
Diagnostic	2
Emergency	5
Medical	4
X-ray	4
Bone	2
Eye	7
Total number of treatments received at Jefferson Davis Clinics	24
Total number of inmates admitted to Jefferson Davis Hospital	13

Products Produced and Consumed at the Institution

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Eggs	58	Cases	\$14.58	\$ 845.60
Pork	120	Pounds	.17	20.40
Okra	15	Bushels	4.50	67.50
Tomatoes	12	Bushels	4.00	48.00
Beans	5	Bushels	5.00	25.00
Hogs and Pigs	11	Each	10.00	110.00
Total				\$1,116.50

Received from Other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys:				
Pork	977	Pounds	\$.17	\$166.09
Greens	30	Bunches	.07	2.10
Turnips	100	Pounds	.04	4.00
Tomatoes	150	Pounds	.10	15.00
Total				\$187.19

Harris County Board of Public Welfare:

Apples	460	Pounds	\$.04	\$ 18.40
Irish Potatoes	1,400	Pounds	.03	42.00
Milk	10	Cases	4.00	40.00
Cabbage	900	Pounds	.03	27.00
Total				\$127.40

Poultry and Live Stock

JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

For the first time in several years the number of children held temporarily in the Juvenile Detention Home decreased from the number of the preceding year.

The daily average number of children held decreased materially from 24 plus to approximately 16. This decrease was due almost entirely to more strenuous effort on the part of the staff of the Probation Department to work out immediate plans for all children placed in the Home. There is little difference in the average age of children detained in the Home, but the average length of stay has decreased from approximately five days to four days. The average length of stay in the Home was increased somewhat by the holding of a number of delinquent negro girls for medical treatment over a period of several weeks. The State of Texas is now preparing adequate facilities for the institutional care of delinquent negro girls, and this practice of holding negro girls in the Detention Home for much longer periods of time than white girls are held will be eliminated.

Volume

Number of cases of boys held temporarily in Juvenile Home	1,070
White	803
Colored	<u>267</u>
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	358
White	277
Colored	<u>81</u>
Total number of cases of children held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	1,428
White	1,080
Colored	<u>348</u>
Number of individual children held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	1,159
Girls	306
White	245
Colored	<u>61</u>
Boys	853
White	666
Colored	<u>187</u>

Age Groups

Age	Boys		Girls		Total Children
	White	Colored	White	Colored	
* 9	1	...	...	...	1
10	28	2	...	2	32
11	29	14	...	...	43
12	44	25	4	3	76
13	98	32	11	13	154

Average age of children detained	14.66
Boys	14.30
White	14.22
Colored	14.38
Girls	15
White	15.15
Colored	14.87
Average length of stay in Juvenile Detention Home (Days)	4.07
Boys.....	3.5
Girls	5.77

Residence of Children Detained

Residence in City of Houston	916
Boys	702
Girls	<u>214</u>
Residence in Harris County - Outside Houston City Limits	193
Boys	146
Girls	<u>47</u>
Residence outside Harris County	319
Boys	222
Girls	<u>97</u>
Daily average number of children in Juvenile Detention Home	15.96

Products Received from Other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys:				
Pork	451	Pounds	\$.17	\$ 62.67
Turnips	100	Pounds	.04	4.00
Tomatoes	300	Pounds	.10	30.00
Turnip Greens	27	Bunches	.07	1.99
Squash	50	Pounds	.05	2.50
Mustard Greens	57	Bunches	.07	1.89
Total				\$103.05
Harris County Board of Public Welfare:				
Apples	500	Pounds	\$.04	\$ 20.00
Irish Potatoes	2,100	Pounds	.03	63.00
Canned Milk	10	Cases	4.00	40.00
Cabbage	800	Pounds	.03	24.00
Powdered Eggs	168	Pounds	.20	33.60
Total				\$180.60

Received from U. S. Food and Drug Administration

Chewing Gum, Mints, Pineapple, and Honey was given to the Juvenile Detention Home for the children.

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ANNUAL REPORT
of
Harris County Probation Department
Mary Burnett School for Girls
Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys
Harris County Home for the Aged
Juvenile Detention Home

FOR THE YEAR 1946

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JUVENILE COURT

DELINQUENCY CASES

County Judge, Sitting as a Juvenile Court
Judges of Criminal District Courts Numbers 1 and 2, sitting
as Juvenile Courts

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HARRIS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

We submit herewith the annual statistical report of the Harris County Probation Department and the four County institutions.

The number of individual children known to the Delinquent Boys' Section of the Probation Office has increased from 4,003 in 1945 to 4,346 in 1946, an increase of approximately 8.5 per cent.

The number of individual girls known to the Delinquent Girls' Section of the Probation Department has decreased from 1,446 in 1945 to 1,251 in 1946. This is a decrease of approximately 13.5 per cent. This is the first decrease in the number of girls involved in misconduct for a number of years. The peak of volume was reported in 1944 and 1945. We attribute largely the lesser number of girls to the ending of the war and the accompanying disappearance of the large number of servicemen from our City and County.

The total number of delinquent children, both boys and girls, totals 5,638, which shows an over all increase of individual offenders of 5.6 per cent over the previous year.

While the volume of delinquency work in the Probation Department increased slightly, the Crime Prevention Division of the Houston Police Department showed a material decrease in number of individual offenders so that we have, after eliminating all cases duplicated by either or both of the agencies, a slight decrease in the number of delinquent boys and girls known officially to the Crime Prevention Division of the Houston Police Department and the Probation Department of Harris County for the year 1946 in comparison to 1945.

A number of boys and girls with whom the Probation Department worked during the year were involved in trouble on more than one occasion during the twelve-month period. Statistically, the Probation Department counts each of these separate difficulties as a case. The total of these cases, which includes the repeater, has increased from 8,300 in 1945 to 8,528 in 1946. This represents an approximate increase in number of cases of offenses committed by the individual children known to the Department of 3 per cent over the preceding year.

The number of boys who were given a hearing in Juvenile Court during the year is practically the same as for the year 1945. There were 93 boys officially before the Court in 1946 as compared to 92 in 1945. The number of girls before the Juvenile Court decreased from 100 in 1945 to 69 in 1946.

Greater emphasis was placed during the past twelve months on

The Support Section of the Probation Office has again shown a large increase in the amount of funds received and disbursed for the support of children and, in a few instances, of wives. In 1945, the sum of \$358,293.79 was collected for the care of children in broken homes. In 1946, the sum of \$447,802.88 was collected from parents and other persons legally responsible for the support of children in homes broken by separation or divorce.

The foster home program continues to show satisfactory progress for both dependent and delinquent children. A total of 272 boys and girls, from infants to sixteen years of age, were cared for either in pay, emergency, free, or work foster homes. The demand for foster home care for the year 1947 must certainly show a substantial increase since the County is now assuming responsibility for many infants and younger children who formerly were placed in the DoPelchin Faith Home.

The volume of work of all sections within the Probation Department for 1946 is compared with the volume in 1945 in the following tables:

Total cases handled in 1945	11,739
Total cases handled in 1946	12,562
Percentage of increase	6.17

Number of individual children and adults reported in individual cases as listed above for 1945	14,568
Individual children and adults reported in cases listed for 1946	15,560
Percentage of increase	6.85

The Probation Department maintains its main office at 1225 Elder, Houston, Texas. The Support Section and business office for the Probation Department and the County institutions are located on the third floor of the Civil Courts Building. Three branch offices are maintained within the County -- one, serving the Tri-Cities area, the second in the Galena Park area, and the third in the Pasadena and Bay Shore area.

It is encouraging to note that the volume of delinquency work in the Tri-City branch office decreased during the year approximately 17 per cent. The volume of the Pasadena branch office was approximately the same, while the volume of the Galena Park office had a decrease of approximately 10 per cent in volume.

The entire Department has been hard pressed throughout the year because of the large volume of work but ended the year with a very small carry over of cases. Constant application and overtime working by the staff members has made possible a year where much needed service has been given to 15,560 persons known officially

DELINQUENT BOYS' SECTION
MAIN OFFICE

Volume of Work

Number of boys returned to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas, after revocation of parole by School . . .	23
White	13
Colored	<u>10</u>
Detention:	
Number of individual boys held in Juvenile Detention Home . .	590
White	463
Colored	<u>127</u>
Total number of cases of boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	731
Number of cases represented in Juvenile Detention Home of boys held more than one time	141
Total number of formal petitions filed in boys' delinquency cases	729
Adjusted without court action	642
Adjusted by formal court action	<u>87</u>
Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and in- vestigated, excluding Parole and Probation Section	2,793
Number of boys handled in home or neighborhood on cases reported	1,109
Number of boys interviewed in office on cases reported. <u>1,684</u>	
Total number of cases reported, excluding Probation and Parole Section	5,302
Number of cases handled in home, et cetera	2,034
Number of cases interviewed in office	<u>3,268</u>
Number of cases referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation Department	2,629
Number of individual boys referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation Department	1,864

Juvenile Court Work

Institutional Commitments:

Boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gates- ville, Texas	71
White	35
Colored	<u>36</u>

Court's Probation and Parole Activities:

Number of cases of boys placed on probation by Juvenile Court	21
White	19
Colored	2

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Number of cases referred during the year - Main Office	1,671
White	1,069
Colored	<u>602</u>
Number of cases referred during the year - Branch Offices	304
Tri-City Branch Office	120
Pasadena Branch Office	127
Galena Park Branch Office	<u>57</u>
Total of all cases referred during the year	1,975
 Number of cases referred, brought before Juvenile Court	 93
White	55
Colored	<u>38</u>
 Average number of cases under supervision	 419
White	312
Colored	<u>107</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Main Office

Juveniles:

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1946	467
Number of boys added to supervisory case load	384
Number of boys placed on probation by Juvenile Court	21
Number of boys paroled from State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	95
Number of special cases	<u>268</u>
Total number of boys under supervision	851
 Number of cases dropped from supervision during year	 319
Number of boys under supervision on December 31, 1946	532
Average number of boys under supervision	549
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation and Parole Officer	164

Adults:

Case load on January 1, 1946	1
New cases added during the year	1
Cases closed during the year	0
Case load on December 31, 1946	2
Number of men given supervision during the year	2
Average number of adults under supervision	2
Average number of men unemployed	●
Number of men obtaining employment through parole officer	1
Number of home visits, office interviews, and other contacts with cases during the year	21

Tri-City Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	329
Boys handled in home or neighborhood	70
Boys handled in office	<u>190</u>
Number of cases reported represented by individual boys . . .	303

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pre-court case work service	120
White	90
Colored	<u>30</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1946	148
Number of boys added to supervisory case load during year . . .	236
Total number of boys under supervision	<u>384</u>
Number of boys dropped from supervision during the year	<u>274</u>
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	<u>110</u>
Average number of boys under supervision during year	131
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation Officer	7
Number of boys referred to Probation Department Main Office . .	16
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office	244
Number of cases referred to Probation Department Main Office . .	16
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	287
Number of children in free foster homes during the year	5
White	5
Colored	<u>0</u>
Number of children in free foster homes at end of year	0
White	0
Colored	<u>0</u>

Pasadena Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	77
Number of cases represented by individual boys	177

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Galena Park Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	93
Boys handled in home and neighborhood	37
Boys handled in office	<u>56</u>
Number of cases reported	171

Pre-Court Case Work Service

Cases given pre-court case work service	57
White	45
Colored	<u>12</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Boys under supervision January 1, 1946	86
Boys added to supervisory case load	<u>49</u>
Total boys under supervision	135
Boys dropped from supervision during the year	<u>91</u>
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	44
Average number of boys under supervision during year	81
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation Officer	5
Number of boys referred to Probation Department Main Office	5
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office	88
Number of cases referred to Probation Department Main Office	5
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	166

Recapitulation of Delinquent Boys' Department

Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, including Probation and Parole Section	4,346
Boys reported to Probation Department Main Office	2,793
Number of boys given supervision in Probation and Parole Section	841
Number of boys reported from Tri-City Branch Office	392
Number of boys reported from Pasadena Branch Office	146
Number of boys reported from Galena Park Branch Office	<u>174</u>

Total number of cases reported to Probation Department Main Office	5,302
Total number of cases reported to Probation and Parole Section	841
Total number of cases reported to Tri-City Branch Office	435

DELINQUENT GIRLS' SECTION

Statistical Report

Number of girls returned to State Training School for violation of parole	3	
Number of girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	1	
Number of girls paroled by State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	11	
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	257	
Number of individual girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	222	
White	188	
Colored	<u>34</u>	
Number of girls held temporarily in Convent of Good Shepherd pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	5	
Number of girls held temporarily in Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases	17	
Held, later released	10	
Held, later committed	1	
Held, December 31, 1946, not committed	<u>6</u>	
Number of girls committed, not previously held	9	
Total number of girls committed	10	
Total of all girls held temporarily	243	
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, reported	193	
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, found and returned	187	
Runaway girls, residence outside Harris County, found and returned	<u>74</u>	267
Runaway girls not found on December 31, 1946		6
Number of formal complaints and petitions filed in Juvenile Court	309	
Adjusted without Court action	245	
Adjusted with Court action	<u>64</u>	
Cases re-opened before the Court by petition		15
Total number of cases reported to Girls' Section	1,054	
White	780	
Colored	<u>274</u>	

Cases Reported:		
New Cases	56	
Old Cases	<u>34</u>	90
Individual Girls:		
White	73	
Colored	<u>10</u>	83
Number of girls under supervision		26
Cases referred to other agencies		3
Cases referred to inter-departments of Probation Department . .		14
Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department Main Office		69

Pasadena Branch Office

Runaway Girls:		
Girls reported away from home		6
Girls found and returned		6
Cases Reported		22
Individual Girls:		
White	16	
Colored	<u>0</u>	16
Number of girls under supervision		10
Cases referred to Probation Department Main Office		1
Number of cases of girls not duplicated in Probation Department Main Office		21

Galena Park Branch Office

Runaway Girls:		
Girls reported away from home		10
Girls found and returned		10
Cases Reported		28
Individual Girls:		
White	17	
Colored	<u>4</u>	21
Number of girls under supervision		12
Cases referred to Probation Department Main Office		4
Number of cases of girls not duplicated in Probation		

Number of cases reported	1,408
Main Office	1,054
Parole Section	234
Tri-City Branch Office	76
Pasadena Branch Office	20
Galena Park Branch Office	<u>24</u>

Juvenile Court Work

Main and Branch Offices

Girls committed to Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas	10	
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	25	
Girls transferred from Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	2	
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas, transfer held up	6	
Girls committed to Convent of Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	5	
Girls found not delinquent	0	
Total number cases of girls committed to State, County, and private institutions and those found not delinquent		48
Cases of girls on probation from Juvenile Court	2	
Cases of paroled girls returned to Convent of Good Shepherd for violation of parole	1	
Cases of girls paroled from Convent of Good Shepherd by Juvenile Court	10	
Cases passed by Juvenile Court without final adjudi- cation	8	
Number of girls before Juvenile Court more than once	<u>10</u>	<u>31</u>
Total number cases before Juvenile Court		<u>79</u>
Number of individual girls represented in cases heard by Juvenile Court		69

Charges Filed Against Adults in Connection with Cases Involving Girls*

Felonies		20
White Cases	17	
Convicted	3	
Dismissed	7	
Found not guilty	1	
Pending	<u>6</u>	
Negro Cases	3	
Convicted	1	
Pending	<u>2</u>	

Probation and Parole Work

Main Office

Negro Girls Under Supervision:

Negro girls under supervision January 1, 1946	37	
New cases added during the year	10	
Total number of negro girls under supervision		47
Cases dropped from list of supervised girls because of health and conduct improvement		13
Number of negro girls under supervision December 31, 1946 .		34

White Girls Under Supervision:

Number of white girls under supervision January 1, 1946	197	
Number of girls added to supervision list on parole from State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	11	
Number of girls added to list on parole from Convent of the Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas .	10	
Number of girls added to supervision list on probation from Harris County Juvenile Court .	2	

* These adults represent cases which occurred outside the City limits of Houston and within Harris County. All other cases of this type within the City limits of Houston have been handled by the Crime Prevention Division.

Number of girls under supervision during the year other than those listed above	726	
Total white girls under supervision		946
Number white girls' cases closed during year		751
Number white girls under supervision December 31, 1946		195

Total number of girls under supervision of Probation Department during the year	993	
White	946	
Colored	47	
Total number of girls given service, but not con- tinued supervision	157	
Total number of girls given service and/or supervision		1,150*

Referrals by Crime Prevention Division during 1946		2,409
Boys	1,864	
Girls	545	

* Includes 234 girls under supervision carried over from the year 1945.

Individuals represented in all cases reported	5,663
Boys	4,346
Girls	1,292
Adults	<u>25</u>
Total of all individuals before the Court	162
Boys	93
Girls	<u>69</u>

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Number of girls held in Ethel A. Claxton School for	
Girls on District Court Order	27
Carried over from 1945	6
Placed during 1946	<u>21</u>
Number of girls held, later released	6
Number of girls held, later committed	<u>21</u>
Number of girls held on December 31, 1946	0
Total number girls committed to Ethel A. Claxton School for	
Girls by District Court	38
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	9
All others (by divorce action)	<u>2</u>
Transferred by Chief Probation Officer	0
Committed by Court	<u>27</u>
Number of boys held at Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys on	
District Court Order	22
Carried over from 1945	4
Placed during year of 1946	<u>18</u>
Number of boys held, later released	5
Number of boys held, later committed	15
Number of boys held, not committed on January 1, 1947	2
Total number of boys committed to Bayland Orphans' Home	
for Boys	31
By District Court	21
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	5
Transferred by Chief Probation Officer	1
Returned by Court, previously committed	11
Children declared dependent and committed to Chief	
Probation Officer	24
Children declared dependent and placed in private homes	3
Total number of children committed to DePelchin Faith Home	76
Total of all children committed by Courts	172
Number of children involved in petitions filed	214
Number of dependency petitions pending on December 31, 1946	26
Number of dependency petitions dismissed during the year	3
Number of dependency petitions denied during the year	2

Number of cases adjusted or closed	237
Cases active and under supervision on December 31, 1946	197
Children involved in cases under supervision and active December 31, 1946	142

Adoption Cases

Number of cases referred by District Courts	314
Number of cases carried over from 1945	23
Number of cases investigated and reports made	307
Number of cases pending	22
Number of children involved in cases	380
Number of cases dismissed	8
Out-of-County adoptions investigated	11
Total of all adoption cases	348

Children of Divorced Parents

Number of cases referred	19
Cases carried over from 1945	4
Cases investigated and reports made	22
Cases pending on December 31, 1946	1
Children involved in cases referred	67
Out-of-County cases referred by other Courts	5
Total divorce cases	28

Habeas Corpus Cases

Number of cases referred	14
Cases carried over from 1945	3
Cases investigated and reports made	17
Cases pending on December 31, 1946	0
Number of children involved in cases referred	30

Work Permits

Number of cases referred for work permits	8
Number carried over from 1945	0
Number of permits recommended	1
Number of permits not recommended	7
Cases pending December 31, 1945	0

Investigations for County Judge in Consent for Adoption Cases

Cases referred for consent for adoption	38
Cases carried over from 1945	0
Children involved in cases referred	38
Reports made on cases referred	38
Cases pending on December 31, 1946	0

Feeble-minded Persons

Cases carried over from 1945	0
Cases reported	36
Persons committed to Austin State School, Austin, Texas . . .	28
Cases adjusted or closed	2
Persons waiting admission on December 31, 1945	18
Adults	0
Children	18
Cases pending on January 1, 1946	5
Number of children involved in cases	28
Number of adults involved in cases	8
Persons admitted to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	38
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1946 .	3
Male	2
Female	1

Children with Mental Illness

Number of children mentally ill	4
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Epileptic Persons

Cases carried over from 1945	2
Cases reported	22
Persons committed to Abilene State Hospital	15
Applications withdrawn after commitment	1
Cases adjusted or closed	8
Persons admitted to Abilene State Hospital	15
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1946 .	0
Cases pending	0

Indigent Tubercular Persons

Persons for whom clothing and transportation were furnished by Harris County, admitted to State Tuberculosis Hospitals	11
Persons for whom Harris County provided transportation for their return from State Tuberculosis Hospitals	2
Cases pending at end of year where request for transportation and clothing is made	0
Total number of cases	13
Children	0
Adults	13

Miscellaneous Cases

A number of miscellaneous cases, which could not be classified under any of the headings above, have been the responsibility of the Dependency and Neglect Section. These may be divided into two groups, investigations requested by out-of-town agencies and minor service cases.

Branch Offices - Dependency Cases

Tri-City Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	20
Number of children involved in cases	74
Number of cases active and under supervision	
December 31, 1946	0
Number of children under supervision December 31, 1945 . . .	0
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	9

Feebleminded Cases:

Number of cases reported	1
Number individuals involved in cases	1
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	0

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	12
Number of individuals involved in cases	14
Children	9
Adults	5
Number of minor service cases	63
Number of individuals involved in cases	90
Children	70
Adults	20

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Pasadena Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	23
Number of cases referred to Main Office	32
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	12
Number of children involved in unduplicated cases	18

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	6
Number of minor service cases	17
Number of individuals in miscellaneous cases	70
Children	27
Adults	43

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Galena Park Branch Office

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	5
Number of minor service cases	16
Number of individuals in miscellaneous cases	37
Children	24
Adults	<u>13</u>

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

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DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Individual Cases Reported

Dependency and neglect cases	609
Investigations for District Courts	393
Adoption cases	348
Children of divorced parents	28
Habeas Corpus cases	<u>17</u>
Investigations for County Judge	67
Work permits	8
Consent for adoption	38
Miscellaneous	<u>21</u>
Applications for admission to Harris County Home for the Aged	68
Applications for State Institutional Service	75
Feeble-minded cases	36
Children mentally ill	4
Epileptic cases	22
Indigent tubercular persons	<u>13</u>
Miscellaneous cases	568
Total of all cases	1,780
Number of individuals represented in cases reported	2,172
Children	1,924
Adults	<u>248</u>

SUPPORT SECTION

Number of cases active on January 1, 1946 1,000
 Number of new cases accepted during the year . . 872
 Number of old cases reopened during the year . . 188 2,060
 Number of new complaints, some action taken 624

Number of cases active on December 31, 1946 1,234
 Number of cases for support of wives only during
 the year 94
 Number of cases for support of children during the
 year 1,966
 Average number of cases per month 1,161
 Wife only 31
 Children only 1,130

Number of children receiving support during the year . 3,620
 Average number of children receiving support each
 month 2,078

Cash on hand December 31, 1945 \$165.00
 Total amount collected during the year \$447,802.88
 Total amount disbursed during the year \$447,802.88
 Balance on hand December 31, 1946 \$165.00
 Number of warrants issued 26,666
 Number of receipts issued 26,666

Number of out-of-town inquiries, minor service cases not
 included in cases reported above 25
 Number of children involved in these cases 41
 Number of letters written on cases reported 1,802
 Total number of children involved in all cases 3,761
 Total number of adults involved in all cases 3,604

Receipts:

	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Probation Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice
January	\$ 21,835.02	\$ 824.50	\$ 798.00	\$ 2,198.46	\$ 4,218.00	\$ 1,744.00
February	20,958.68	629.50	873.50	2,062.75	4,149.25	1,503.50
March	22,895.22	683.00	946.50	2,131.73	5,223.25	1,899.30
April	25,204.35	696.50	912.50	1,958.24	5,087.50	1,928.50
May	24,459.70	633.00	927.70	2,217.22	5,519.50	1,789.80
June	25,981.42	692.50	1,091.95	2,001.62	5,715.00	2,129.50
July	29,420.89	710.00	943.20	1,958.12	5,327.90	2,143.50
August	26,179.41	793.50	1,003.70	2,248.85	5,477.31	2,339.40
September	26,182.66	774.50	1,048.70	1,881.03	5,512.75	2,239.70
October	30,245.19	882.50	1,042.70	2,168.88	5,957.75	2,644.00
November	28,004.31	581.50	1,219.20	2,162.11	5,612.50	3,067.50
December	<u>30,252.70</u>	<u>863.00</u>	<u>1,234.70</u>	<u>2,086.79</u>	<u>6,139.55</u>	<u>2,932.00</u>

\$311,619.55 \$8,764.00 \$12,042.35 \$25,075.80 \$63,940.26 \$26,360.90

New Cases:

	Court						Total
	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice	
January	35	1	1	2	15	9	63
February	24	1	1	3	20	9	58
March	45	1	2	5	19	2	74
April	43	0	2	1	20	2	68
May	52	0	1	4	15	5	77
June	47	1	1	2	28	6	85
July	53	3	1	7	24	6	94
August	29	1	1	12	19	5	67
September	44	0	0	9	19	6	78
October	36	0	0	9	16	3	64
November	40	0	0	17	18	4	79
December	36	1	1	6	15	6	65
	484	9	11	77	228	63	872

Persons Receiving Support

	Persons Receiving Support			New Cases According to Race			
	Children	Wives	Total	Anglo American	Latin American	Negro	Total
January	131	2	133	47	3	13	63
February	93	4	97	47	4	7	58
March	155	2	157	59	7	8	74
April	113	5	118	52	3	13	68
May	121	6	127	63	5	9	77
June	123	11	134	57	6	22	85
July	140	15	155	77	7	10	94
August	104	7	111	47	5	15	67
September	117	9	126	60	4	14	78
October	94	9	103	43	3	18	64
November	157	4	161	47	4	28	79
December	86	5	91	48	3	14	65
	1,434	79	1,513	647	54	171	872

Letters

	Complaints	Active	New	Out-of-Town	Total
January	36	59	36	1	96
February	23	87	23	0	110
March	54	108	54	2	164
April	46	120	46	2	168
May	34	94	34	0	128
June	44	64	44	5	113
July	52	88	52	5	145
August	88	126	88	3	217
September	67	140	67	4	211
October	72	138	72	3	213

Active Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>Average Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	1,863	19	1,882	1,007	19	1,026
February	1,868	22	1,890	1,009	22	1,031
March	1,925	19	1,944	1,034	19	1,053
April	1,993	18	2,011	1,077	18	1,095
May	2,042	34	2,066	1,111	24	1,135
June	2,086	34	2,120	2,152	34	1,186
July	2,159	34	2,193	1,186	34	1,220
August	2,165	34	2,199	1,188	34	1,222
September	2,164	42	2,206	1,203	42	1,245
October	2,166	48	2,214	1,194	48	1,242
November	2,233	35	2,268	1,205	35	1,242
December	2,256	39	2,295	1,195	39	1,234
	<u>24,920</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>25,288</u>	<u>13,561</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>13,929</u>

FOSTER HOME SECTION

Foster home applications received	61
Approved	33
Disapproved	21
Pending	2
Withdrawn by applicants	<u>5</u>
Foster homes approved, placed in use during year	31
Foster homes approved, not in use	2
Foster homes in use on January 1, 1946	27
Foster homes closed during year	27
Foster pay homes in use on December 31, 1946	31
Children in pay foster homes January 1, 1946	44
Children placed during year (Initial placements)	25
Children transferred from one home to another	30
Children returned to own homes	8
Children released to relatives and armed services	2
Children maintaining themselves in work and free homes	11
Children transferred to Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	8
Children transferred to Mary Burnett School for Girls	0
Children in pay foster homes on December 31, 1946	48
White	44
Colored	<u>4</u>
Boys	31
Girls	<u>17</u>
Dependent	47
Delinquent	<u>1</u>

Ages of children in pay foster homes at end of year:	
Children 15 to 18 years of age	12
Children 12 to 15 years of age	11
Children 8 to 12 years of age	10
Children 0 to 8 years of age	15
Average age of children in pay foster homes	10 years, 4 months
Average population for year	46.75
Average length of stay in foster home	2 years, 6 months

Additional children in free or work homes through placement by Juvenile Court and Probation Department during year		53
White	33	
Colored	<u>20</u>	

Total children in work and free homes under super- vision on December 31, 1946	55	
Total children in pay homes under supervision on December 31, 1946	<u>48</u>	103
Total number of children in free, work, and paid foster homes during year		133

Services to children in boarding homes:	
Physical examinations	32
Psychometric examinations	10
Mental Hygiene studies	4
Hospitalization	10
Dental clinic visits of children	31
Medical clinic visits of children	22
Children attending camp	4
Children securing part-time and full-time employment .	14
Boys entering armed services	2

Emergency Receiving Home

Number of children given temporary care	139
Number of children in Home on December 31, 1946	13
Total number of children in paid, free, work, and Emergency Receiving Home	272

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of
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Cases handled by Probation Department	12,562
Delinquency Section	8,528
Dependency and Neglect Section	1,780
Support Section	2,060

Emergency Receiving Home	
Children	<u>139</u>
Total number of individual children represented	
in cases handled	11,595
Total number of individual adults represented in	
cases handled	3,965

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
AND
ETHEL A. CLAXTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

There has been a gradual increase in the population of the School during the year, and on December 31, 1946, we have 101 girls in the School, in comparison with 87 at the beginning of the year.

Improvements of the physical properties have been made where possible.

Many of the sleeping porch curtains have been replaced or repaired.

Painting the inside of the school rooms has been started and two rooms are finished; new fluorescent lights have been installed.

The new laundry will be completed early in 1947. Most of the equipment is installed. It bids fair to be a splendid asset to the School. The equipment is the best we have ever had and is up to date in every respect.

The water wells, pumps, and motors have been worked on and the shallow well is being used.

Five hundred feet of fire hose has been purchased; also, some equipment has been purchased from the War Assets Administration. A two-hundred-foot garden hose has been purchased, and one hundred feet more donated.

A power lawn mower and one hand mower have been purchased.

The new pews and ministers chairs, purchased for the Chapel, add to its beauty and comfort.

The two pianos mean much to all of us, and certainly add to the interest of the students who are taking lessons.

All are delighted with the new moving picture machine - an Auditorium R.C.A. It is a great help with the school work.

There have been some very fine additions to our program this year - the starting of an orchestra with volunteer instruction given throughout the year; the class in Commercial Art with volunteer teaching; and the Psychological work done for 58 girls. All of these new projects are enlarged upon in another part of the report.

ETHEL A. CLAXTON, SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL POPULATION

ETHEL A. CLAXTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(District Court Department)

Girls placed during the year	18
Returned to the School	20
Of this number placed again	11
Of this number still in the School	6
Of this number at large	2
Of this number discharged	1
Other discharges during the year	5
Population January 1, 1947	73
Individual girls in School during the year	108

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(Juvenile Court Department)

Population January 1, 1946	29
Girls held from 1945	12
Of this number committed	1
Of this number discharged	1
New girls held during the year	15
Of this number discharged	9
Of this number still held December 31, 1946	6
Other commitments	9
Total number of new girls in this department	24
Total commitments	10
Girls placed during the year	20
Returned to the School	13
Of this number placed again	6
Of this number still in the School	6
Of this number at large	1
Other discharges during the year	2
Population January 1, 1947	28
Individual girls in School during the year	66

Recapitulation
(Both Departments)

Population January 1, 1946	87
Girls held from 1945	7
Of this number committed	7
Of this number discharged	0
New girls held during the year	36
Of this number committed	15
Of this number discharged	15
Of this number still held	6
Other commitments	17
Transfers from Faith Home	9
Total commitments and transfers	48
Total number of new girls during the year	62
Girls placed during the year	38
Returned to the School	33

Placement Department

	<u>Ethel A. Claxton</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(Juvenile Court)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under supervision outside of School	99	80	179
Discharged from this department	27	28	55
Because of age	22	22	44
Returned to parents	1	0	1
Because of location	2	3	5
Transferred to other institutions	2	3	5
Added to this department	20	20	40
Returned to the School	20	13	33
Of this number placed again	11	6	17
Of this number still in School	6	6	12
Of this number at large	3	1	4
Population in this department 1-1-47	83	65	148
Individual girls cared for	119	106	225
Visits to and in interest of girls	1,117	766	1,883
Regarding follow-up work	945	640	1,585
Regarding girls still in School	129	89	218
Regarding discharged girls	43	37	80
Number of investigations made	95	92	187
Number of placements made	48	73	121
Kinds of placements			
Domestic	3	12	15
Professional and business	26	44	70
Parents' homes	10	5	15
Other relatives' homes	2	4	6
Own homes	3	6	9
Foster homes	2	1	3
Other institutions	2	1	3
Hours spent in investigation, placements and follow-up work	1,162	1,442	2,604
Miscellaneous hours	357	342	699
Hours spent on records	400	408	808
Cards and letters sent to girls (approx.)	290	356	646
Cards and letters received (approx.)	163	260	423
Number of visits made to School by girls	87	101	188
Number of phone calls to and from girls and regarding girls	597	673	1,270
Mileage - total for the year	12,278	12,490	24,768
School car	3,249	3,196	6,445
Personal car	6,973	9,294	16,267
Bus and miscellaneous	56	0 000	56
Train	2,000	0 000	2,000

Daily Population - 1946

	<u>Outside</u>		
	<u>Ethel A. Claxton</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(Juvenile Court)</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>In School</u>		<u>Total</u>

Daily average in the School	96
Daily average on the outside (Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls - District Court)	89
Daily average on the outside (Mary Burnett School for Girls - Juvenile Court)	78
Daily average of girls under supervision during 1946	263

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

This year the Houston Independent School District has furnished two teachers for our elementary classes - grades one through six.

It has been difficult to secure teachers this year and we are still without a Physical Education teacher.

Enrollment of classes as follows:

Elementary Grades	Pupils
1st - 3rd	12
5th	8
6th	15
Junior High Grades	
7th	9
8th	11
9th	20
Senior High Grades	
10th	12
11th	6
12th	3
Not attending School at the present	5
Total enrollment	101
Of the above number five are in a Senior High School in Houston.	

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Commercial Art is a subject which has been most interesting as well as profitable. The teacher donates her services one afternoon a week. Several members of the class show real ability and with continued training will be able to hold positions in that field.

Visual Education, made possible through the new equipment we now have, has speeded up class knowledge as well as created keen interest in peoples and places.

MUSIC

Music, said to be the fourth essential need in a person's life, has an important place in the program of the School.

Through the interest of members of the Altrusa Club of Houston, an Orchestra was organized and the services of an instructor secured. With the donation of some instruments and the purchase of others, with the money given by the Altrusa Club, we now have a 13 piece Orchestra. They have appeared in public three times during the year. This is a department of music for which we have wished a long time.

There are several rather advanced piano pupils and, during the year, thirty have registered for piano, classified as follows:

Beginners in music	20
Advanced piano students	10

High School music I and II have been offered

Registrations for Music I	12
Registrations for Music II	16

Two hours twice a week are given to Glee Club and Chorus

Registered in Glee Club	30 (average)
Registered in Junior Chorus	20 (average)
Registered in Senior Chorus	45 (average)

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

Anthem by Glee Club for New Year's Sunday School program at the Second Baptist Church.

The Easter Cantata, "Easter Angels", on Easter Sunday.

Two - three part choruses for the Altrusa Club.

Patriotic anthem by the Junior High graduates at their Commencement exercises.

Three numbers by the School Orchestra at the Junior High Commencement exercises.

An Operetta, "The Wishing Well", in School Assembly Hall.

A Piano and Voice recital.

Special music by Glee Club for Organ dedication service.

Special musical program for Convention of Council of Church Women.

PSYCHOLOGIST'S REPORT

A total of 58 children at Mary Burnett School were seen between July 9, 1946, and end of year by Mrs. Willie Verniaud, clinical Psychologist. The main purpose of the Psychologist's examinations was two-fold; as an aid in planning for individual children and as an aid in determining need of the children as a whole. The statistics of these findings may be of interest. For the 56 on whom results are available, Psychologist reports as follows:

Table 1
Identifying Data

Identifying Data	Total Group Tested	Juvenile Court Referrals	Dependency Referrals
Number of cases	56	25	31
Age: Average	16.65	16.64	16.65
Grade: Median	L10	L10	L10
Age range	14 to 20	14 to 19	14 to 20
Grade range	H6 to H12	L7 to H12	H6 to L12

Table 2
Distribution of Intelligence
(Wechsler-Bollevue Scale)

"I.Q." Category	Total Group Tested	Juvenile Court Referrals	Dependency Referrals
Mental defective	1	0	1
"Borderline"	5	0	5
Dull Normal	8	3	5
Average Normal	31	16	15
Bright normal	4	2	2
Superior	2	2	0
Very superior	1	1	0
Total	52	24	28
Mean "I.Q."	98	105	93
Number below 100 "I.Q."	25	8	17
Number 100 "I.Q." & up	27	16	11

Table 3
Distribution of Verbal Aptitudes
(Wechsler-Bellevue Scale)

"Verbal quotient" Category	Total Group Tested	Juvenile Court Referrals	Dependency Referrals
Defective	1	0	1
"Borderline"	4	0	4
Dull	16	5	11
Average	28	15	13
Bright	6	4	2
Superior	0	0	0
Very superior	1	1	0
Total	<u>56</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>31</u>
Mean Verbal Quotient	95	102	90
Number below 100	33	9	24
Number 100 & better	23	16	7

Table 4
Distribution of Performance Aptitudes
(Wechsler-Bellevue Scale)

"Performance quotient" Category	Total Group Tested	Juvenile Court Referrals	Dependency Referrals
Defective	0	0	0
"Borderline"	5	0	5
Dull	9	4	5
Average	26	10	16
Bright	9	7	2
Superior	2	2	0
Very superior	1	1	0
Total	<u>52</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>28</u>
Mean Performance Quotient	102	110	96
Number below 100	25	10	15
Number 100 & better	27	14	13

Tables 1 to 4 indicate that the two groups were well matched as to

The older children were also tested in "personality" responses, using a clinically-devised inventory - The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory. Of the 44 children tested, 34 had "valid" profiles.

Interpretation: In most respects, these children are normal adolescent girls, from the standpoint of personality. They deviate in two major directions:

One of them indicates what Psychologists call a weak superego or ego ideal. These children, as a group, have failed to make normal emotional identification of themselves with their social environment. Their greatest need is, therefore, a need for affection, since it is through affection that these identifications are normally made, and for "belongingness", a sense of group identification.

The other deviation indicates what is called a cycloid tendency - a tendency to greater mood-swings than is normal for girls of this age. This usually follows an environmental situation, lacking in regularity, predictability, security.

CLASSES IN PRACTICAL CLOTHING

Two Sewing Rooms

<u>Articles Made</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dresses	215	168	383
Suits	12	48	60
Skirts	6	23	29
Blouses	28	42	70
Gowns	62	10	72
Slips	26	61	87
Aprons	--	116	116
House Coats	--	6	6
Costumes	18	20	38
Lunch cloths	16	20	36
Curtains	8	16	24
Dresser scarfs	12	--	12
Pajamas	12	92	104
Panties	20	--	20
Gym suits	1	--	1
Mapkins hemmed	--	130	130
Tea towels	--	63	63
Slip cover, sofa	--	1	1
Red Cross wash cloths ..	27	29	56
Betty Bryan Sewing room - beginners			13
Daily attendance in sewing classes			16
Promoted to dress making			8
Total number taking some sewing in 1946			40

BAKING

Baking done during the year 1946 in the three kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Biscuits	3,198	2,833	16,269	22,300
Bread	1,027	698	1,699	3,424
Cakes	82	23	178	283
Cobblers	9	14	56	79
Cookies	1,881	851	1,723	4,455
Cup Cakes	124	401	1,160	1,685
Muffins	2,724	3,397	16,605	22,726
Pies	156	18	56	230
Rolls	1,258	1,115	8,272	10,645

SCHOOL POULTRY

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Eggs	2,402	Dozen	\$1,063.48
Poultry	618	Pounds	285.25

RECEIVED FROM BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Pork	1,191	Lbs. @ \$.18 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$220.33
Vegetables			43.74

RECEIVED FROM HOUSTON-HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Irish potatoes	1,000	Pounds	\$30.00 ¹
Cabbage	500	Pounds	20.00

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT 1946 Mae Seefeldt R. N.

Number of cases seen and treated	1,601
Average number of cases per month	133
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital	92
No. of trips to Jefferson Davis (Ear, Nose, Throat)	53
No. of trips to Jefferson Davis (Eye)	13
No. of trips to Jefferson Davis (Lab)	27

No. of trips to Dr. Wellensiek (Dentist)	14
No. of girls to Dr. Wellensiek (Dentist)	28
No. of trips to Mental Hygiene	16
No. of trips to Herman Hospital	14
No. of girls admitted to Herman Hospital (Appendectomy) ..	2
No. of trips to Dr. Stucki	7
No. of trips to Dr. Van Zant (Eye)	1
No. of girls to Dr. Van Zant (Eye)	2
No. of trips to American Optical Co.	28
No. of pairs of glasses received from American Optical Co..	28
No. of trips to Detention Ward	1
No. of Town trips and others with girls	35
No. of girls admitted to Jefferson Davis (Mastoidectomy) .	1
No. of girls admitted to Jefferson Davis (Nose Infection) .	1
No. of girls admitted to Jefferson Davis (Tonsilectomies) .	17
No. of trips to Dr. Woods Laboratory	16
No. of weeks to Camp with girls	2
No. of trips to Crime Prevention Bureau	2

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL
ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT
1946

Elva A. Wright M.D.

Number of visits	51
Number of times girls seen at weekly clinics	794
Number of cases seen	589
Average number of girls seen each month	66
Number of luetic cases treated	6
Number of Luetic cases under treatment	1
Number of pelvic checks	118
Number of girls with minor ailments	90
Number of girls reviewed	126
Number of ear, nose and throat cases examined	50
Number of skin cases treated	66
Number of girls with hearing and tooth troubles	16
Number of girls checked after AWOL	63
Number of girls with colds	10
Number of girls with menstrual cramps	3
Number of new girls examined	58
Number of girls with toe infections	5
Number of returned girls examined	19
Number of girls with minor injuries	11
Number of girls with eye complaints	13
Number of cases of Scabies treated	4

CLUBS

The Student Government Club in each Cottage has been carried on and meetings held with the superintendent and assistant superintendent twice a month during the school year. These have been helpful to the

The Chit Chat Club has been continued throughout the year and has increased in interest and value. The programs brought by different Altrusans have been:

Our Church of Tomorrow	Friendship
Why Go to College	Nursing
Recreation	Walking and Good Grooming
Living With All Races	Value of an Attractive
Budgeting	Dining-room
Music in Your Life	Picture Shows-Their Value
How to Select Your Life Work	Education in Travel
Applying for a Position	Book Review
Family Worship	Books-Types and Values

We at the School hope Altrusa will see fit to make this a permanent Club from year to year. The seventeen Chats given in 1946 have been beneficial and have covered many interesting subjects.

The Big Sister Movement is still practiced and has in some instances extended outside the Altrusa Club, when smaller children were concerned. The Venture Club has six small girls in whom they are interested and a few more individuals have taken younger children. The older girls have been confined to members of the Altrusa Club.

ENTERTAINMENT

		<u>Attendance</u>
Loews State	"Our Vines Have Tender Grapes"	22
Coliseum	"Skating Vanities"	43
Music Hall	Jacques Abhrams	26
Coliseum	Rodeo	71
Delman	"The Dollie Sisters"	19
Delman	"This Side of Heaven"	17
South Main Roller Rink	Skating	11
Delman	"Spanish Main"	11
Delman	"Home in Indiana"	13
Alabama	"Music for Millions"	16
Kirby	"King of Kings"	57
Delman	"Adventures of Tom Sawyer"	22
South Main Roller Rink	Skating	16
Coliseum	Better Homes Show	24
Sears	Youth Rally	24
Galveston	Graduation Party	8
Altrusa Club	Dinner Party	23
Tower	"Pirate of Sherwood Forest"	33
Galveston	Picnic	34
Delman	"Seventh Veil"	14
Sugar Land	Picnic	17
Village	"Follies"	21
Village	"State Fair"	23
Optimist Club Camp	Camping	57
		50

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Only one Sunday afternoon service in the Chapel has been cancelled and that was due to flood which prevented our getting to the building.

Nineteen different Ministers and Readers have conducted the services. To them we express sincere thanks for their readiness to accept the request, and for the messages they have brought.

The Catholic Sunday School has been taught by two nuns from Incarnate Word Academy. The Protestant Sunday School has been taught by members of our faculty.

Four mornings a week we have services in the Chapel - one-half hour before school opens.

The Catholic girls attend Mass two Sunday mornings a month. As many of the Protestant girls as wish, attend the Second Baptist Church two Sunday evenings a month, the church sending a bus for them. This is greatly appreciated and, as a usual thing, the bus is filled.

There are four Christian Endeavor Societies - Junior C Division of Junior High, B Division of Junior High, A Division of Junior High and Senior High. Some of those societies have become quite interested in Missions, especially in China's children and the African lepers. Missionaries from Brazil and India have given interesting talks to our groups. The County Christian Endeavor Union met at the School once this year.

The Council of Church Women held one meeting in the Chapel. The candle-light service held Christmas eve was inspiring. This was the second such meeting in the Chapel.

There have been two weddings in the Chapel this year: one formal, and the other informal.

It was on the first Sunday of the Chapel's second year that the Rotary Club of Houston was in charge of the Anniversary service and presented to the School a lovely Hammond Organ. Now our second dream has come true - first the Chapel, and then the organ. This was one more of Rotary's gifts, showing a deep interest which means more to the School than words can express.

The pews and minister's chairs have added much to the appearance of the interior as well as to the comfort of those attending services.

One thing more was still missing - the candelabra - which was donated on this Anniversary.

Special donations of money to the Chapel Fund, through the School, are listed below:

J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Company \$100.00

DONATIONS

Books:

Fiction - 151
Reference 64

Magazine subscriptions:

Chapter Q of PEO
Life
Reader's Digest

The Woman's Auxiliary to the
Harris County Medical Society
Eggoia

Birthday cakes each month and individual gifts - Mrs. S. L. Van Nort.
25 lovely Bibles from Mrs. S. L. Van Nort.
Gifts of clothing from several friends.
Furniture - Mrs. A. L. Nelms - Several pieces among which
is a beautiful dining room set which is prized very highly.
Globe for Library - Southern Blue Print and Supply Company.

Rotary Club of Houston - Christmas Fund	\$1,262.19
Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Palmer - Christmas Fund	25.00
F. W. Heitman Company - Christmas Fund	15.00
Chapter W of PEO - Christmas Fund	15.00
Commerce Produce Company - Christmas Fund	10.00
Chapter P of PEO - 51 handkerchiefs for Christmas	
Bellaire Lions Club - nuts and candy for Christmas	138.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Instruments for School Orchestra	100.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Educational Fund	22.50
Charley A. Musey - Recreational Fund	
Business & Professional Women's S. S. Class of the First Methodist Church - Bibles	10.00

AWARDS AND GIFTS

Betty Hilliard Bryan Award - Scholarship	\$25.00
Dr. Elva A. Wright Award - Highest grade in Junior High	5.00
Helen Waugh Lane Award - Music	5.00
Wilbur H. Smith Award - Athletics	5.00
Alffie Talbot Award - History	5.00
Captain James Asbury Tait Chapter Award (1st 5.00, 2nd 2.50)	7.50
Thomas Ballantyne Award - Voice	5.00
Rotary Club gifts to the Junior High graduates	
George Mellonger Class Pins to graduates	
Mrs. Carrie Thomas and Mrs. Beulah Bone, Flowers to graduates	
June Cox Medal - Scholarship	

Gifts to the Chapel Fund, through the School, listed elsewhere.

BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

Bayland Home closed the year of 1946 with a total of 66 boys receiving care in the institution. Even though special effort was made to place older boys, particularly, with relatives or in free foster homes, the population has shown a slight increase over the preceding year. Because of the acceptance of boys from 7 to 12 in greater numbers than heretofore, the average age of the child in Bayland has decreased to 13. It is anticipated that the average age for the coming year will be even less.

Throughout the year, the down-town Kiwanis Club of Houston, together with the Business and Professional Women's Club and other interested groups and individuals, has carried on a constructive and appreciated program for the youngsters in the School. Picnics, attendance at athletic events, parties, and a big Christmas party, sponsored by one or the other of the organizations or individual, has attracted and held the attention and interest of every boy at Bayland. These organizations have contributed more this year to the growth and development of the boys than during any other period of time. Plans have been completed for a continuation and expansion of the activities sponsored by these groups.

A limited amount of capital improvement has been made, and more would have been accomplished had materials been available.

We have had an excellent, cooperative relationship with the Webster Independent School District, which has resulted in raising the scholastic standards of performance of all boys in their school work. The sympathetic understanding and constant assistance given us by the school authorities has done much to bring about the successful administration during the past 12 months.

The dairy farm, truck garden, and poultry farm have, on the whole, been successful. The total value of products produced at the Home totals in excess of \$7,000.

Statistical Report

Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1946	63
Number of boys committed through District Court	
during year	21
Number of boys returned to Home by District Court,	
previously committed	12
Number of boys transferred to Home from DePelchin	
Faith Home	5
Number of boys transferred from custody of Chief	
Probation Officer	<u>1</u>
Total number of boys committed and transferred by	
Court Order	39
Number of boys held on District Court order during	
year	22
Number of boys hold during year by District Court, later	
committed	15

Total number of boys enrolled at Home December 31, 1946	66
Total number of individual boys cared for at Home, including those committed, held temporarily, et cetera, during year	109
Average daily attendance during the year	65

Proof of Total Population During Year

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1946	63
Committed	59
Hold temporarily	4
Number of boys committed by District Court	21
Number of boys returned by District Court, previously committed	12
Number of boys transferred from DePolchin Faith Home	5
Number of boys transferred from Chief Probation Officer	1
Total number of boys placed by Court at Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	39
Number of boys held at Home by District Court	22
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed.	15
Net total boys held by Court order, later released	5
Number of boys held temporarily on December 31, 1946	2
Total population	<u>109</u>
Number of boys in Home December 31, 1946	66
Committed	64
Being held temporarily	2
Number of boys released by District Court	38
Number of boys held by District Court	22
Number of boys held by District Court, later committed.	15
Total number of boys held by Court, later released	5
Total population	<u>109</u>

Miscellaneous

Average age of boys in Home on December 31, 1946	13 years
Average period of time spent in Home by boys enrolled on December 31, 1945	17.64 months

Grade Classification as of December 31, 1946

Number of boys in first grade	2
Number of boys in second grade	4
Number of boys in third grade	3
Number of boys in fourth grade	7
Number of boys in fifth grade	7
Number of boys in sixth grade	9
Number of boys in seventh grade	12
Number of boys in eighth grade	4
Number of boys in ninth grade	12

Boys placed in bed in Jefferson Davis Hospital	6
Total days' time	75
Emergency trips to town	17
Number of times ambulance called to Home	0
Number of operations (includes circumcisions and tonsil- ectomies)	15
Boys given typhoid immunization	68
Boys given pertussis shots	17
Boys given diphtheria shots	18
Boys given small pox immunization	53
Boys given T.B. X Ray	62
Boys fitted with glasses	5
Boys given Schick Test	0
Boys receiving dental work	25
Average number of treatments given in Home daily, including first aid	12

Products Produced and Consumed at the School

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Milk	6,388	Gallons	\$.55	\$3,525.35
Butter	810	Pounds	.63	508.00
Pork	2,857	Pounds	.20	578.49
Beef	760	Pounds	.20	152.00
Eggs	840	Dozen	.51	425.80
Chickens	452	Pounds	.55	251.00
Beets	44	Bunches	.07	3.08
Cabbage	553	Pounds	.04	22.12
Fresh Corn	97	Dozen	.50	48.50
Turnips	50	Pounds	.04	2.00
Green Onions	1,329	Bunches	.09	128.00
Okra	535	Pounds	.20	107.15
Turnip Greens	248	Bunches	.11	26.70
Collard Greens	31	Bunches	.07	2.10
Tomatoes	1,067	Pounds	.15	160.05
Squash	607	Pounds	.10	60.70
Peppers	520	Pounds	.08	43.06
Mustard Greens	251	Bunches	.09	22.92
Spinach	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushels	1.00	3.50
Broccoli	460	Pounds	.11	51.00
Sorghum Hay	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tons	25.00	37.50
1 Stag sold on foot	750	Pounds	.13 $\frac{1}{2}$	91.80
Carrots	15	Bunches	.12	1.80
Squash (Hog Feed)	8,000	Pounds	.02	160.00
Potatoes	1,000	Pounds	.05	100.00
Corn (Hog Feed)	1,000	Pounds	.01	10.00
Figs	32	Gallons	.50	16.00
Pole Beans	270	Pounds	.10	27.00
Cucumbers	3,600	Pounds	.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	96.75

Total \$6,662.37

Poultry and Livestock

	<u>Head</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Chickens	200	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00
Hogs	39	25.00	975.00
Pigs	15	10.00	150.00
Cows	15	100.00	1,500.00
Heifers	3	35.00	105.00
Calves (Bull)	4	6.00	24.00
Calves (Heifer)	4	8.00	32.00
Mules	2	150.00	300.00
Horses	8	50.00	400.00
Total			\$3,686.00

Produce Given to Other County Institutions

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Pork				
Mary Burnett School for Girls	1,191	Pounds	\$.18 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 220.33
Harris County Home for the Aged	628	Pounds	.18 $\frac{1}{2}$	116.18
Juvenile Detention Home	105	Pounds	.18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19.42
Total				\$ 355.93

Garden Produce

Mary Burnett School for Girls:			
Pepper, okra, turnips, broccoli, cabbage			43.74
Harris County Home for the Aged:			
Pepper, okra, cabbage			32.28
Juvenile Detention Home:			
Pepper, okra, broccoli, cabbago, turnips			33.30
Total			\$ 465.25

Total value of products produced and consumed at School
and given to other institutions \$7,127.62

HARRIS COUNTY HOME FOR THE AGED

We note two distinct trends in the program of the Harris County Home for the Aged for the year ending. First, the average population has increased approximately 12.5 per cent, and there is every indication that the average population for the year 1947 will increase equally as much. It is also anticipated that the normal capacity of the Home will likely be reached not later than the middle of 1947.

The second trend is the increasing number of applications made for admission to the Home for persons who are so physically handicapped that they are classified as bed patients. All of these persons were rejected because of their physical condition, since the intake policy has been such that a person requiring bed and nursing care was not accepted.

Many organizations, including churches, women's clubs, professional groups, and service clubs, have given various types of programs for the patients. The active participation and continued interest of these organizations and persons enable us to make the days of the old people much happier. Particular thanks has been given to the ministers and church groups who do so much to contribute to the spiritual happiness of the men and women in our care.

Statistical Report

Number of persons in the Home January 1, 1946	64
Number of persons admitted during the year	27
Number of patients transferred after developing mental illness	2
Number of patients dismissed to home of relatives, Old Age Assistance, and work	3
Number of deaths in the Home during the year	8
Total number of persons dismissed or deceased	13
Total number of persons in the Home at end of year	78
Total number of persons cared for during the year	91
Average daily population during the year	72
Average period of time in institution in years	6
Average age of inmates in years	70
Number of burials in Harris County Cemetery	5

Proof of Population

Number of persons in the Home on January 1, 1946	64	
Number of persons admitted during the year	27	
Total		91
Number of persons dismissed after receiving Old Age Assistance	1	

Medical Report

Visits made by Home physician	17
Average number of bed patients in the Home	24
Average number of different inmates seen in each clinic	26
Average daily attendance in Home Nurses' Clinic	29
Total number individuals receiving treatment at Jefferson Davis Clinics	18
Diagnostic	5
Emergency	6
Medical	6
X-ray	4
Bone	2
Eye	9
Dental	8
Total number of treatments received at Jefferson Davis Clinics	40
Total number of inmates admitted to Jefferson Davis Hospital	12

Products Produced and Consumed at the Institution

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Eggs	34	Cases	\$ 12.55	\$ 426.42
Beans	1	Bushel	2.25	2.25
Cucumbers	2	Bushels	2.50	5.00
Okra	2	Bushels	2.50	5.00
Peas, Black Eye	2	Bushels	2.50	5.00
Radishes	84	Bunches	.05	4.20
Mustard	168	Bunches	.05	8.40
Squash	4	Bushels	2.50	10.00
Turnips	198	Bunches	.06	11.88
Total				\$ 478.15

Received From Other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys:				
Okra	2	Bushels	\$ 2.50	\$ 5.00
Broccoli	20	Pounds	.17	3.40
Bell Pepper	8	Bushels	1.50	12.00
Turnips	198	Bunches	.06	11.88
Pork	628	Pounds	.17	106.76
Total				\$ 139.04

Houston-Harris County Board of
Public Welfare:

Potatoes	15	Cwt.	\$ 3.50	\$ 52.50
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JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

It is most gratifying to report that there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of children held in Juvenile Detention Home in the year just ending.

Eight hundred twelve boys and girls were temporarily detained in the Juvenile Detention Home in 1946 in comparison with 1,159 for the year 1945. This is a 30 per cent decrease. The daily average number of children held in 1946 was 11 in comparison to 16 for the preceding year. The average length of stay of the children in the Detention Home decreased slightly from 4.07 days to 3.94 days. The active cooperation of the Crime Prevention Division of the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the handling of children after office hours of the Probation Department has aided materially in reducing the number of children held.

Volume

Number of cases of boys held temporarily in				
Juvenile Home				731
White			557	
Colored			<u>174</u>	
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in				
Juvenile Detention Home				261
White			209	
Colored			<u>52</u>	
Total number of cases of children held temporarily				
in Juvenile Detention Home				992
White			766	
Colored			<u>226</u>	
Number of individual children held temporarily in				
Juvenile Detention Home				812
Girls				222
White			188	
Colored			<u>34</u>	
Boys				590
White			463	
Colored			<u>127</u>	

Age Groups

Age	Boys		Girls		Total Children
	White	Colored	White	Colored	
10	8	6	...	4	18
11	24	9	...	...	33
12	34	12	4	2	52
13	77	17	14	4	112
14	104	37	30	12	183
15	128	43	42	16	229

Average age of children detained	14.62
Boys	14.35
White	14.4
Colored	14.3
Girls	15
White	15.5
Colored	14.9
Average length of stay in Juvenile Detention	
Home (Days)	3.94
Boys	2.86
Girls	5.85

Residence of Cases of Children Detained

Residence in City of Houston	654
Boys	499
Girls	<u>155</u>
Residence in Harris County - Outside Houston City	
Limits	104
Boys	65
Girls	<u>39</u>
Residence outside Harris County	234
Boys	167
Girls	<u>67</u>
Daily average number of children in Juvenile Detention	
Home	11

Products Received from other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys:				
Pork	105	Pounds	\$.18 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$19.42
Miscellaneous Vegetables				<u>33.30</u>
Total				\$52.72
Houston-Harris County Board of Public Welfare:				
Irish Potatoes	2,000	Pounds	\$.03	\$60.00
Cabbage	250	Pounds	.04	<u>10.00</u>
Total				\$70.00

Received from U. S. Food and Drug Administration

Chewing Gum, Mints, Pineapple, and Honey were given to the Juvenile Detention Home for the children.

1947

ANNUAL REPORT

of

Harris County Probation Department

Mary Burnett School for Girls

Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls

Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys

Harris County Home for the Aged

Juvenile Detention Home

FOR THE YEAR 1947

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JUVENILE COURT

DELINQUENCY CASES

County Judge, Sitting as a Juvenile Court
Judges of Criminal District Courts Numbers 1 and 2, Sitting as
Juvenile Courts

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The Eight Civil District Courts Exercise Concurrent Jurisdiction

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HARRIS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

We submit herewith the annual statistical report of the Harris County Probation Department, followed by that of the four County institutions.

The number of individual children known to the Delinquent Boys Section of the Probation Department has decreased from 4,346 in 1946 to 4,051 in 1947, a decrease of approximately 6.8 per cent.

The number of individual children known to the Delinquent Girls Section of the Department for the year 1947 was 1,243, in comparison with 1,251 for the previous year.

The total number of delinquent children, both boys and girls, totals 5,294. This is a decrease of 6.1 per cent over the number of children known to the Delinquency Sections of the Department in 1946.

Many of the boys and girls with whom the Probation Department worked during the year were involved in trouble on more than one occasion during the twelve-month period. Statistically, the Department counts each of these separate difficulties as a case. The total of these cases, which includes the repeater, has decreased from 8,528 in 1946 to 8,044 in 1947. This represents a decrease in number of cases of offenses committed by individual children known to the Department of approximately 5.7 per cent in 1947 over the preceding year.

The year 1947 is the first during the period of time that I have been connected with the Department in which there has been a definite decrease in the total number of children involved in delinquency. It is not known at the time of this report what the volume of the Crime Prevention Division of the Police Department will show in unduplicated cases which is represented by those cases handled by the Crime Prevention Division and not referred to the Probation Department. A count of the unduplicated cases will enable us to know of the comparative number of all delinquency cases handled in 1946 and 1947.

The number of boys who were given hearings in Juvenile Court during the year is slightly more than that for the previous year. Ninety-seven (97) boys appeared before the Court in 1947 as compared with 93 boys in 1946. The number of girls before the Juvenile Court increased from 69 in 1946 to 94 in 1947. The increase is accounted for by the opening of the Brady State School for delinquent negro girls during February of 1946. A total of 36 negro girls was brought to the attention of the Court and was committed to this institution.

As has been true in years past, continued emphasis has been

The Dependency and Neglect Section of the Department has had an increase in number of reported cases from 1,780 in 1946 to 1,898 in 1947, an increase of 6.6 per cent in volume. The number of children represented in each case is proportionately larger than we have had previously. A total of 2,543 children is represented in the 1,898 cases. This is an increase over the number of children handled in the Dependency Section last year of more than 600 or a percentage of increase in excess of 30 per cent.

The Emergency Receiving Home gave shelter to 67 children under seven years of age who, because of their situation, had to be removed from their homes pending more permanent arrangements for their care.

The Support Section of the Probation Department has again shown a large increase in the amount of funds received and disbursed for the support of children and, in a few instances, of wives. In 1947 the sum of \$550,284.26 was collected and disbursed. This is an increase over 1946 of more than \$102,000.00. A total of 4,002 children benefited by the collection of these funds.

The foster home program gave care to a total of 218 boys and girls from infants to children seventeen years of age who were cared for in either pay, emergency, free, or work foster homes. We have been handicapped in developing the foster home program to fill the needs of the institutions and the Probation Department because of the lack of at least one worker to devote full time to the finding of foster homes. A request has been made for this new position for the year 1948.

The volume of work of all sections within the Probation Department in 1947 is compared with the volume in 1946 in the following tables:

Total cases handled in 1946	12,562
Total cases handled in 1947	12,465
Percentage of increase	1 %
Number of individual children and adults reported in individual cases as listed above for 1946	15,560
Individual children and adults reported in cases listed for 1947	16,169
Percentage of increase	3.9 %

The main office of the Probation Department is located at 1225 Elder Street. The Support Section and business office for the Probation Department and County institutions are located on the third floor of the Civil Courts Building. Three branch offices are maintained within the County, one serving the Tri-City area of Baytown, the second serving the Galena Park area, and the third the Pasadena-Bayshore area.

It is encouraging to know of the decrease in volume of work on the whole throughout the entire Department in the delinquency sections. The Tri-City branch office had a decrease in volume of work of approximately 21 per cent over the preceding year. The volume of work in the Galena Park office showed a decrease of approximately 10 per cent, while that of the Pasadena office revealed an increase in volume of approximately 38 per cent.

While we have had decreases in volume of work in the Delinquency Section, there has been an increase in number of children and adults handled officially by the Department. During 1947 we have given service to 16,169 persons, which is an increase over the number of persons assisted during 1946 of 3.8 per cent.

The total of all individuals, both children and adults, for whom the Probation Department and County institutions have had responsibility during the year 1947 is 17,579, the largest total in the history of the Department.

DELINQUENT BOYS SECTION
MAIN OFFICE

Volume of Work

Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, excluding Parole and Probation Section	2,905
Number of boys handled in home or neighborhood on cases reported	1,161
Number of boys interviewed in office on cases reported	<u>1,744</u>
 Total number of cases reported, excluding Probation and Parole Section	 5,443
Number of cases handled in home, et cetera	2,102
Number of cases interviewed in office	<u>3,341</u>
Number of cases referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation Department	2,778
Number of individual boys referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation Department	1,846
 Total number of formal petitions filed in boys' delinquency cases	 688
Adjusted without court action	591
Adjusted by formal court action	<u>97</u>
 Detention:	
Number of individual boys held in Juvenile Detention Home . .	513
White	383
Colored	<u>130</u>
Total number of cases of boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	667
Number of cases represented in Juvenile Detention Home of boys held more than one time	154
 Number of boys returned to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas, after revocation of parole by School . . .	 39
White	20
Colored	<u>19</u>

Juvenile Court Work

Institutional Commitments;

Boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	67
White	48
Colored	<u>19</u>

Court's Probation and Parole Activities:

Number of cases of boys placed on probation by Juvenile Court	30
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Total number of cases before Juvenile Court	97
Total number of individual boys represented in cases before the Juvenile Court	97

Casework Service Division

Number of cases referred during the year - Main Office	1,712
White	1,073
Colored	639
Number of cases referred during the year - Branch Offices . . .	173
Tri-City Branch Office	65
Pasadena Branch Office	46
Galena Park Branch Office	62
Total of all cases referred during the year	1,885
Average number of cases receiving casework service	448
White	306
Colored	142

Probation and Parole Work

Main Office

Juveniles:

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1947	532
Number of boys added to supervisory case load	394
Number of boys placed on probation by Juvenile Court . . .	30
Number of boys paroled from State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	87
Number of special cases	277
Total number of boys under supervision	926
Number of cases dropped from supervision during year	405
Number of boys under supervision on December 31, 1947	521
Average number of boys under supervision	527
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation and Parole Officer	137

Boys in State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas, on December 31, 1947	79
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Recapitulation:

Number of individuals under supervision during year	1,005
Juveniles on probation and parole	926
Committed to and in institutions	79
Average case load, including both juveniles and adults . . .	601

Tri-City Branch Office

Pre-Court Casework Service

Cases given pre-court casework service	65
White	53
Colored	<u>12</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1947	110
Number of boys added to supervisory case load during year . .	76
Total number of boys under supervision	<u>186</u>
Number of boys dropped from supervision during the year . . .	137
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	<u>49</u>
Average number of boys under supervision during year	73

Summary

Number of boys referred to Probation Department - Main Office	7
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office, including	
1946 carry-over	258
Number of cases referred to Probation Department - Main Office	7
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office, including	
1946 carry-over	230
Number of children in free foster homes during the year . . .	6

Pasadena Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and	
investigated	147
Number of cases represented by individual boys	117

Pre-Court Casework Service

Cases given pre-court casework service	46
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Probation and Parole Work

Boys under supervision January 1, 1947	57
Boys added to supervisory case load	62
Total boys under supervision	<u>119</u>
Boys dropped from supervision during the year	66
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	<u>53</u>
Average number of boys under supervision during year	68

Summary

Galena Park Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	98
Boys handled in home and neighborhood	41
Boys handled in office	<u>57</u>
Number of cases reported	181

Pre-Court Casework Service

Cases given pre-court casework service	62
White	50
Colored	<u>12</u>

Probation and Parole Work

Boys under supervision January 1, 1947	44
Boys added to supervisory case load	69
Total boys under supervision	113
Boys dropped from supervision during the year	72
Number of boys under supervision at end of year	<u>41</u>
Average number of boys under supervision during year	80
Number of boys who obtained employment through Probation Officer	7

Summary

Number of boys referred to Probation Department - Main Office	8
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office, including 1946 carry-over	134
Number of cases referred to Probation Department - Main Office	8
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office, including 1946 carry-over	217

Recapitulation of Delinquent Boys Department

Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, including Probation and Parole Section	4,051
Boys reported to Probation Department - Main Office	2,905
*Number of boys given supervision in Probation and Parole Section	552
*Number of boys reported from Tri-City Branch Office	258
*Number of boys reported from Pasadena Branch Office	202
*Number of boys reported from Galena Park Branch Office	<u>134</u>

Total number of cases reported to Probation Department - Main Office	5,113
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Total number of all cases reported	6,614
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* Duplications omitted

DELINQUENT GIRLS SECTION

Statistical Report

Total number of cases reported to Girls Section		1,071
White	793	
Colored	<u>278</u>	
Number of individual girls represented in cases reported		931
White	774	
Colored	<u>157</u>	
Number of formal complaints and petitions filed in		
Juvenile Court		312
Adjusted without Court action	238	
Adjusted with Court action	<u>74</u>	
Cases reopened before the Court by petition		12
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, reported	217	
Runaway girls, Harris County residence, found and returned	207	
Runaway girls, residence outside Harris County, found and returned	<u>62</u>	279
Runaway girls not found on December 31, 1947		10
Number of individual girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases		197
White	142	
Colored	<u>55</u>	
Number of runaway girls held temporarily in Convent of Good Shepherd pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases		6
Number of girls held temporarily in Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, pending investigation or other adjustment of their cases, including 6 carried from 1946		15
Held, later released	7	
Held, later committed	3	
Held, December 31, 1947, not committed	<u>5</u>	
Number of girls committed, not previously held		4
Total number of girls committed		7

Number of girls returned to State Training School for	
Girls for violation of parole	3
Number of girls paroled by State Training School for Girls,	
Gainesville, Texas	19
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile	
Detention Home	229
Cases referred to other agencies	26
Cases referred to other sections of the Probation Department	18

Tri-City Branch Office

Cases Reported:

New Cases	37	
Old Cases	<u>8</u>	45

Individual Girls:

White	40	
Colored	<u>5</u>	45

Number of girls under supervision	25
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Runaway Girls:

Harris County girls reported away from home	11
Harris County girls found and returned home	11

Cases referred to other agencies	4
Cases referred to inter-departments of Probation Department .	7

Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department - Main	
Office	38

Pasadena Branch Office

Cases Reported	32
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Individual Girls:

White	36	
Colored	<u>0</u>	36

Number of girls under supervision	23
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Runaway Girls:

Girls reported away from home	5
Girls found and returned	5

Cases referred to Probation Department - Main Office	5
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Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department	
Main Office	27

Runaway Girls:

Girls reported away from home	6
Girls found and returned	6
Cases referred to Probation Department - Main Office	5
Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department Main Office	18

Juvenile Court Work

Main and Branch Offices

Girls committed to Brady State School for Negro Girls .	36
Girls committed to Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas	7
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	21
Girls transferred from Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	2
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas, transfer held up	10
Girls committed to Convent of Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	7
Girls found not delinquent	6
Total number cases of girls committed to State, County, and private institutions and those found not delinquent . .	83
Cases of girls on probation from Juvenile Court	3
Cases of girls paroled from Convent of Good Shepherd by Juvenile Court	3
Cases passed by Juvenile Court without final adjudi- cation	5
Number of girls before Juvenile Court more than once . .	8
Total number cases before Juvenile Court	102
Number of individual girls represented in cases heard by Juvenile Court	94

Charges Filed Against Adults in Connection with
Cases Involving Girls*

Felony cases	13
Convicted	4
Dismissed	6
Found not guilty	0
Pending	3

Sentences After Conviction:

Total years in penitentiary	55
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Total time in jail sentences 2 yrs, 10 mos

* These adults represent cases which occurred outside the City limits of Houston and within Harris County. All other cases of this type within the City limits of Houston have been handled by the Crime Prevention Division.

Probation and Parole Work

Main Office

Negro Girls Under Long-Time Supervision:

Negro girls under supervision January 1, 1947	34	
New cases added during the year	15	
Total number of negro girls under supervision		49
Cases dropped from list of supervised girls because of health and conduct improvement		16
Number of negro girls under supervision December 31, 1947		33

White Girls Under Long-Time Supervision:

Number of white girls under supervision		
January 1, 1947	195	
Number of girls added to supervision list on parole from State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	19	
Number of girls added to list on parole from Convent of the Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas	3	
Number of girls added to supervision list on probation from Harris County Juvenile Court	13	
Number of girls under supervision during the year other than those listed above (short-time supervision)	694	
Total number of girls under supervision		973
Number of girls cases closed during year		726
Number of girls under supervision December 31, 1947		247
White	214	
Colored	33	

Total number of girls given service but not continued supervision	187
Total number of girls given service and/or supervision	1,160*

* Includes 229 girls under supervision carried over from the year 1946.

Referrals by Crime Prevention Division during 1947	2,187
Boys	1,846
Girls	<u>341</u>

Recapitulation of Volume of Work

Number of individual girls represented in cases reported	1,212
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Number of cases reported	1,395
Main Office	1,071
Parole Section	229
Tri-City Branch Office	38
Pasadena Branch Office	27
Galena Park Branch Office	<u>30</u>

SUMMARY OF VOLUME OF WORK
of
DELINQUENCY SECTION

Number of boys delinquency cases	6,062
Number of Parole boys cases, not included in above	552
Number of cases of adults known to Delinquency Section	35
Number of girls delinquency cases	<u>1,395</u>
Total	8,044
Individuals represented in all cases reported	5,329
Boys	4,051
Girls	1,243
Adults	<u>35</u>
Total of all individuals before the Court	191
Boys	97
Girls	<u>94</u>

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Number of girls held in Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls on District Court Order	24
Carried over from 1946	0
Placed during 1947	<u>24</u>
Number of girls held, later released	10
Number of girls held, later committed	14
Number of girls held on December 31, 1947	0
Total number of girls committed to Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls by District Court	24
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	1
Committed by Court	<u>23</u>

Number of boys held at Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys on

By District Court	18	
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	2	
Transferred from Chief Probation Officer	1	
Returned by Court, previously committed	4	
Children declared dependent and committed to Chief Probation Officer		27
Children declared dependent and placed in private homes		4
Total number of children committed to DePelchin Faith Home		68
Total of all children committed by Courts		148
Number of children involved in petitions filed		179
Number of dependency petitions pending on December 31, 1947		15
Number of dependency petitions denied during the year		0
Number of dependency petitions dismissed during the year		15
Number of dependency petitions filed during the year		96

Dependency Cases - No Court Action

Number of cases reported		461
New cases	197	
Old cases	112	
Carried over from 1946	152	
Number of children involved in cases reported		640
New cases	270	
Old cases reopened	164	
Cases carried over from 1946	206	
Number of cases adjusted or closed		253
Cases active and under supervision on December 31, 1947		208
Children involved in cases under supervision and active December 31, 1947		271
Number of boys under supervision in Bayland Home on December 31, 1947		68

Adoption Cases

Number of cases referred by District Courts	337
Number of cases carried over from 1946	22
Number of cases investigated and reports made	333
Number of cases pending	20
Number of children involved in cases	388
Number of cases dismissed	6
Out-of-County adoptions investigated	16
Total of all adoption cases	375

Children of Divorced Parents

Habeas Corpus Cases

Number of cases referred	14
Cases carried over from 1946	0
Cases investigated and reports made	13
Cases pending on December 31, 1947	1
Number of children involved in cases referred	32

Work Permits

Number of cases referred for work permits	29
Number carried over from 1946	0
Number of permits recommended	12
Number of permits not recommended	17
Cases pending December 31, 1947	0

Investigations for County Judge in Consent for Adoption Cases

Cases referred for consent for adoption	42
Cases carried over from 1946	0
Children involved in cases referred	67
Reports made on cases referred	42
Cases pending on December 31, 1947	0
Miscellaneous cases	19

Application for Admission to Harris County Home for the Aged

Applications filed for admission	51
Applications carried over from 1946	3
Applicants admitted to the Home	31
Applicants readmitted to the Home	2
Applications investigated, admission not granted	21
Applications pending on December 31, 1947	0

Feebleminded Persons

New cases reported	42
Cases carried over from 1946	5
Total cases for year	47
Persons committed to Austin State School, Austin, Texas	38
Cases adjusted and closed without commitment	5
Cases pending on January 1, 1947	4
Persons accepted and admitted by Austin State School	27
Persons committed, not admitted on January 1, 1947	3
Children in cases handled	33
Adults in cases handled	14
Total persons in cases handled	47

Children with Mental Illness

Number of children mentally ill

Persons admitted to Abilene State Hospital	14
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1947	0
Cases pending	0
Children in cases reported	5
Adults in cases reported	14

Indigent Tubercular Persons

Persons for whom clothing and transportation were furnished by Harris County, admitted to State tuberculosis hospitals	8
Children	1
Adults	7

Miscellaneous Cases - Main Office

A number of miscellaneous cases, which could not be classified under any of the headings above, have been the responsibility of the Dependency and Neglect Section. These may be divided into two groups, investigations requested by out-of-town agencies and minor service cases.

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	145
Number of individuals involved	178
Children	130
Adults	48
Number of minor service cases	242
Number of individuals involved in minor service cases	290
Children	233
Adults	57
Cooperative service on District Court wards - in custody of Faith Home - change of custody - adoption placement approvals, et cetera	102
Number of children	167

Branch Offices - Dependency Cases

Tri-City Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:	
Number of cases reported	44
Number of children involved in cases	69
Number of cases under supervision December 31, 1947	15
Number of children under supervision December 31, 1946	27
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	30
Number individual children not duplicated in Main Office	47

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	12
Number of individuals involved in cases	17
Children	13
Adults	4

Pasadena Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	13
Number of cases referred to Main Office	4
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	9
Number of children involved in unduplicated cases	15
Cases under supervision	3
Number of children under supervision	12

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	4
Number of minor service cases	46
Number of individuals in miscellaneous cases	150
Children	97
Adults	<u>53</u>

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Galena Park Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	17
Number of cases referred to Main Office	9
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	8
Number of children involved in unduplicated cases	17

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	9
Number of minor service cases	27
Number of individuals in miscellaneous cases	42
Children	31
Adults	<u>11</u>

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Volume of Work Recapitulation
of
Dependency and Neglect Section

Individual Cases Reported

Dependency and neglect cases	640
Investigations for District Courts	423
Adoption cases	375
Children of divorced parents	34
Habeas Corpus cases	<u>14</u>
Investigations for County Judge	80

Applications for State institutional service	78
Feebleminded cases	47
Children mentally ill	6
Epileptic cases	17
Indigent tubercular persons	<u>8</u>
Miscellaneous cases	623
Total of all cases	1,898
Number of individuals represented in cases reported	2,834
Children	2,543
Adults	<u>291</u>

SUPPORT SECTION

Total of all cases during year	2,305
Number of cases active on January 1, 1947	1,234
Number of new cases accepted during the year	833
Number of old cases reopened during the year	<u>238</u>
Number of new complaints	187
Number of cases active on December 31, 1947	1,356
Number of cases for support of wives only during the year	95
Number of cases for support of children during the year	2,210
Average number of cases per month	1,403
Wife only	28
Children only	<u>1,375</u>
Number of children receiving support during the year	3,950
Average number of children receiving support each month	2,450
Cash on hand December 31, 1946	\$165.00
Total amount collected during the year	\$550,284.86
Total amount disbursed during the year	\$550,284.86
Balance on hand December 31, 1947	\$165.00
Number of warrants issued	32,047
Number of receipts issued	32,047

Number of out-of-town inquiries, minor service cases not included in cases reported above	25
Number of children involved in these cases	52
Number of letters written on cases reported	1,524
Total number of children involved in all cases	4,002
Total number of adults involved in all cases	3,713

Receipts:

	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Grand Jury</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Office Agreements</u>	<u>Dist Attorney Agreements</u>	<u>Justice</u>
January	\$ 28,633.72	\$ 759.50	\$ 1,073.70	\$ 1,883.76	\$ 5,550.20	\$ 2,635.50
February	\$ 27,411.45	\$ 719.50	\$ 874.20	\$ 2,228.32	\$ 5,869.07	\$ 2,883.00
March	\$ 29,804.45	\$ 676.50	\$ 1,260.70	\$ 1,931.20	\$ 7,252.39	\$ 2,521.50
April	\$ 30,520.40	\$ 772.50	\$ 849.70	\$ 2,225.52	\$ 7,274.50	\$ 2,700.50
May	\$ 33,106.14	\$ 819.00	\$ 1,463.70	\$ 2,226.90	\$ 7,540.50	\$ 2,721.50
June	\$ 32,293.04	\$ 882.00	\$ 1,017.20	\$ 1,756.11	\$ 6,992.31	\$ 2,433.00
July	\$ 32,960.75	\$ 864.25	\$ 1,263.20	\$ 2,274.22	\$ 7,450.93	\$ 2,526.50
August	\$ 32,359.16	\$ 671.50	\$ 893.70	\$ 1,890.72	\$ 7,366.03	\$ 2,601.00
September	\$ 35,948.40	\$ 579.50	\$ 1,021.70	\$ 1,841.91	\$ 7,742.14	\$ 2,461.00
October	\$ 34,335.71	\$ 770.50	\$ 1,112.45	\$ 2,073.66	\$ 8,292.07	\$ 2,343.00
November	\$ 33,174.23	\$ 691.32	\$ 773.95	\$ 1,757.75	\$ 7,436.64	\$ 2,617.00
December	\$ 36,845.49	\$ 666.00	\$ 1,115.20	\$ 1,959.00	\$ 7,077.00	\$ 2,963.50
	<u>\$387,392.94</u>	<u>\$ 8,872.07</u>	<u>\$12,719.40</u>	<u>\$24,049.07</u>	<u>\$85,843.78</u>	<u>\$31,407.00</u>

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Receipts Issued</u>	<u>Warrants Issued</u>
January	\$ 40,536.38	2,340	2,340
February	\$ 39,985.54	2,383	2,383
March	\$ 43,446.74	2,659	2,659
April	\$ 44,343.12	2,738	2,738
May	\$ 47,877.74	2,789	2,789
June	\$ 45,373.66	2,645	2,645
July	\$ 47,339.85	2,839	2,839
August	\$ 45,782.11	2,708	2,708
September	\$ 49,594.65	2,782	2,782
October	\$ 48,927.39	2,819	2,819
November	\$ 46,450.89	2,519	2,519
December	\$ 50,626.19	2,826	2,826
	<u>\$550,284.26</u>	<u>32,047</u>	<u>32,047</u>

New Cases:

	Court						Total
	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Probation Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice	
January	36	0	1	2	16	4	59
February	24	0	1	5	31	5	66
March	25	1	3	3	25	3	60
April	36	2	2	6	17	8	71
May	41	0	1	7	19	2	70
June	47	1	0	4	33	4	89
July	57	1	0	5	33	3	99
August	29	0	0	3	26	2	60
September	30	0	0	2	12	4	48
October	42	0	0	5	25	8	80
November	30	0	0	4	16	4	54
December	45	1	2	3	22	4	77
	<u>442</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>833</u>

Persons Receiving Support

	Children	Wives	Total
January	87	3	90
February	104	9	113
March	93	6	99
April	114	4	118
May	101	6	107
June	134	7	141
July	161	9	170
August	88	6	94
September	70	5	75
October	131	6	137
November	101	4	105
December	111	5	116
	<u>1,295</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>1,365</u>

New Cases According to Race

	Anglo American			Latin American		Negro	Total
	Anglo American	Latin American	Negro	Anglo American	Latin American		
January	39	5	15	39	5	59	59
February	39	3	24	39	3	66	66
March	41	6	13	41	6	60	60
April	47	2	22	47	2	71	71
May	44	3	23	44	3	70	70
June	57	6	26	57	6	89	89
July	71	10	18	71	10	99	99
August	40	2	18	40	2	60	60
September	32	4	12	32	4	48	48
October	56	1	23	56	1	80	80
November	35	8	11	35	8	54	54
December	57	3	17	57	3	77	77
	<u>558</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>833</u>

Complaints

	Complaints
January	12
February	15
March	23
April	20
May	17
June	10
July	18
August	15

Letters

Active	New	Out-of-Town	Total
120	12	7	139
81	15	2	98
137	23	5	165
104	20	1	125
94	17	2	113
66	10	5	81
152	18	2	172
114	15	1	130

Active Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>Average Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	2,300	23	2,323	1,225	23	1,248
February	2,352	31	2,383	1,258	31	1,289
March	2,399	24	2,423	1,288	24	1,312
April	2,456	34	2,490	1,324	34	1,358
May	2,507	28	2,535	1,359	28	1,387
June	2,410	30	2,440	1,341	30	1,371
July	2,383	27	2,410	1,391	27	1,418
August	2,427	33	2,460	1,421	33	1,454
September	2,462	30	2,492	1,445	30	1,475
October	2,528	27	2,555	1,469	27	1,496
November	2,580	25	2,605	1,496	25	1,521
December	2,600	21	2,621	1,490	21	1,511
	<u>29,404</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>29,737</u>	<u>16,507</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>16,840</u>

FOSTER HOME SECTION

Foster home applications received	28
Approved	21
Disapproved	6
Pending	0
Withdrawn by applicants	<u>1</u>
Foster homes approved, placed in use during year	20
Foster homes approved, not in use	2
Foster homes in use on January 1, 1947	31
Foster homes closed during year	15
Foster pay homes in use on December 31, 1947	36
Children in pay foster homes January 1, 1947	48
Children placed during year (initial placements)	24
Children transferred from one home to another	6
Children returned to own homes	1
Children released to relatives and armed services	4
Children maintaining themselves in work and free homes	3
Children transferred to Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	5
Children transferred to Mary Burnett School for Girls	3
Children in pay foster homes on December 31, 1947	62
White	57
Colored	<u>5</u>
Boys	34
Girls	

Children in pay foster homes during the year		74
White	69	
Colored	<u>5</u>	
Parental status of children at end of year in pay foster homes:		
Two parents		36
Living together	5	
Separated	<u>31</u>	
One parent		26
No parent		2
Total		<u>74</u>
Ages of children in pay foster homes at end of year:		
Children 15 to 18 years of age		13
Children 12 to 15 years of age		11
Children 8 to 12 years of age		8
Children 0 to 8 years of age		31
Average age of children in pay foster homes		9 yrs, 4 mos
Average population for year		58.25
Average length of stay in foster home		2 yrs, 1
Additional children in free or work homes through placement by Juvenile Court and Probation Department during year		73
White	42	
Colored	<u>31</u>	
Total children in work and free homes under supervision on December 31, 1947	73	
Total children in pay homes under supervision on December 31, 1947	<u>62</u>	135
Total number of children in free, work, and paid foster homes during year		151
Services to children in boarding homes:		
Physical examinations		18
Psychometric examinations		10
Mental Hygiene studies		0
Hospitalization		11
Dental clinic visits of children		21
Medical clinic visits of children		28
Children attending camp		4
Children securing part-time and full-time employment		10
Boys entering armed services		3

Emergency Receiving Home

Number of children given temporary care	67
Number of children in Home on December 31, 1947	6

Other commitments	10
Total commitments	24
Girls placed during the year	26
Returned to the School	13
Of this number placed again	8
Of this number discharged	1
Of this number still in the School	<u>4</u>
Other discharges during the year	1
Population January 1, 1948	74
Individual girls in this department during the year	111

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(Juvenile Court Department)

Population January 1, 1947	28
Girls held from 1946	6
Of this number discharged	4
Of this number placed on visiting list	1
Girls still being held	<u>1</u>
New girls held during the year	9
Of this number discharged	2
Of this number committed	3
Of this number still held	<u>4</u>
Other commitments	4
Total commitments	7
Girls placed during the year	15
Returned to the School	8
Of this number placed again	3
Of this number still in the School	<u>2</u>
Other discharges during the year	1
Population January 1, 1948	23
Individual girls in this department during the year	44

Recapitulation
(Both Departments)

Population January 1, 1947	101
Girls held from 1946	6
Of this number discharged	4
Of this number placed on visiting list	1
Of this number still being held	<u>1</u>
New girls held during the year	33

Of this number discharged	1
Of this number still in the School	8
Other discharges during the year	2
Population January 1, 1948	97
Individual girls in the School during the year	155

Placement Department

	<u>Ethel A. Claxton</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(Juvenile Court)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under supervision outside of School	85	72	157
Discharged from this department	28	21	49
Because of age	25	20	45
Returned to parents	0	0	0
Because of location	0	0	0
Because of death	1	0	1
Returned to School	0	0	0
Transferred to other institutions	2	1	3
Added to this department in 1947	26	15	41
Returned to School in 1947	12	8	20
Of this number placed again	8	3	11
Of this number still in School	3	5	8
Of this number at large	1	0	1
Population in this department 1-1-48	78	61	139
Individual girls cared for	111	87	198
Visits to girls and in interest of girls	1,385	798	2,183
Regarding follow-up work	1,155	669	1,824
Regarding girls still in School	194	104	298
Regarding discharged girls	36	25	61
Number of investigations made	69	99	168
Number of placements made	49	40	89
Temporary	8	1	9
Permanent	41	39	80
Kinds of placements:			
Domestic	3	1	4
Professional and business	17	24	41
Parents' homes	8	1	9
Other relatives' homes	10	4	14
Own homes	3	7	10
Foster homes	4	2	6
Other institutions	4	1	5
Hours spent in investigations, placements and follow-up work	1,600	1,122	2,722
Miscellaneous hours	161	412	573

Mileage - total for the year	15,994	23,100	39,094
School car	2,280	6,089	8,369
Personal car	9,731	13,011	22,742
Bus and miscellaneous	563	0	563
Train	3,420	4,000	7,420

Daily Population - 1947

<u>Month</u>	<u>In School</u>	<u>Outside</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls (District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett School for Girls (Juvenile Court)</u>	
January	99	81	69	249
February	98	81	69	248
March	97	81	65	243
April	99	80	64	243
May	104	74	63	241
June	102	76	67	245
July	94	77	67	238
August	94	79	66	239
September	97	76	65	238
October	96	81	66	243
November	96	81	64	241
December	98	77	61	236
Daily average in the School				98
Daily average on the outside (Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls - District Court)				79
Daily average on the outside (Mary Burnett School for Girls - Juvenile Court)				66
Daily average of girls under supervision during 1947				243

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

The elementary curriculum of the school is taught under the supervision of department directors of the Houston Public School. The standard of teaching is equal to that of any other public school.

The routine scholastic program is planned and followed. The grades, one through six, have teaching aids to help care for pupils of varying learning abilities.

Skirts	8	51	59
Blouses	15	32	47
Play Suits	36	--	36
Pajamas	104	125	229
Gowns	33	2	35
Slips	61	4	65
Shorts	--	12	12
House Coats	1	2	3
Table Cloths	3	--	3
Curtains	--	20	20
Blankets Bound	--	168	168
Dish Towels	--	229	229
Hot Dish Mats	--	48	48
Dresser Scarfs	4	--	4
Christmas Stockings.	<u>101</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>101</u>
Totals	667	1,017	1,684

MUSIC

Music is a great art, and that science which treats of harmony has an important place in the program of the School. Instruction is offered in both Piano and Voice.

Our Glee Club is receiving recognition. Our Orchestra of twelve members is improving, and a Tonette Band of eight young girls has been organized by our Orchestra director. These groups have given programs during the year.

Forty pupils registered for piano lessons during the year. They may be classified as:

Beginners	20
Intermediates	15
Advanced	5

Public School Music has been offered in both 7th and 8th grades

Registrations for 7th grade Music	15
Registrations for 8th grade Music	24

High School Music, I and II, also has been offered

Registrations for Music I	6
Registrations for Music II	12

Two hours twice a week are given to Glee Club and Choral training

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

Piano and Voice Recital early in the year.

Special anthems for a Christian Endeavor Rally.

The Easter Cantata, "Memories of Easter Morn."

Special program for the Council of Church Women of Houston.

A group of three-part songs by the Glee Club for the Altrusa Club.

A three-part Chorus by the Glee Club at the Commencement exercises.

Music by the School Orchestra at the Commencement exercises.

An Operetta, "Kathleen," in the School Assembly Hall.

A Piano and Voice Recital at the close of the Summer Term.

Special Music by the Glee Club for the Anniversary service in the Chapel.

Special Chorus for a Christian Endeavor Rally.

Thanksgiving Music by the Glee Club.

A Christmas Musical Playlet for the Houston Rotary Club dinner at the School.

Three Christmas Anthems for the Music Festival at the Music Hall.

Three-part Christmas Cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem."

Special Music by the Glee Club for the Christmas Eve Candle Light Service in the School Chapel.

Special Music each Sunday of the year by the Glee Club.

The Easter Cantata and the Christmas Cantata were repeated by request at both the Bellaire Presbyterian Church and the Bellaire Baptist Church.

BAKING

Baking done during the year 1947 in the three kitchens:

Bayland Bryan Councill Mat 1

SCHOOL POULTRY

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Eggs	2,517	Dozen	\$1,032.60
Poultry	338 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pounds	171.44

RECEIVED FROM BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Greens	12	Bushels	
Tomatoes	50	Pounds	

RECEIVED FROM
HOUSTON-HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Irish potatoes	8900	Pounds	\$267.00
Case powdered eggs			

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL
ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT

1947

Elva A. Wright, M.D.

Number of visits to the School	52
Number of treatments at Clinic	888
Average number of girls seen each month	74
Number of Luetic cases under treatment	1
Number of Pelvic checks	127
Number of returned girls examined	12
Number of new girls examined	45
Number of cases of Scabies treated	6
Number of cases of Impetigo treated	3
Number of cases of Vincent (trench mouth)	4
Number of skin cases treated	60
Number of physical checks	50
Number of minor ailments	58
Number of minor injuries	15
Number of girls reviewed	145
Number of girls with ear, nose and throat ailments	47
Number of girls treated for irregular menstrual periods	6
Number of girls checked for colds	25

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL
ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT

1947

Mae Seefeldt, R. N.

Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital	68
Number of operations performed at Jefferson Davis Hospital	
Tonsilectomies	12
Mastoidectomies	3
Eye	1
Nose	1
Number of girls seen and treated	1,290
Number of girls admitted to Hermann Hospital (observation)	3
Number of girls to Hermann Hospital Emergency	22
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital (Eye)	15
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital (Ent Clinic)	41
Number of trips to Pediatric Clinic	2
Number of trips to Dr. Woods Lab.	13
Number of AZ tests at Dr. Woods Lab.	1
Number of trips to Dr. Waldon (Spec. dental work)	35
Number girls to Dr. Waldon	25
Number trips to Dr. Wellensiek (Spec. dental work)	17
Number girls to Dr. Wellensiek	26
Number trips to Dental School	51
Number of girls to Dental School	63
Number of trips to Americal Optical	17
Number of pairs of glasses received	13
Number of trips to Old Jefferson Davis Hospital	30
Number of Luetic cases being treated	1
Number of trips with girls and out of town trips	43
Number of trips to Dr. Van Zant (Spec. eye work)	8
Number of trips to Dr. Wright's Office	10
Number of trips to Court	2
Number of trips to Dr. McGehee (Arch correction)	3
Number of trips to Dr. Holland (Eye)	3
Number of pairs of glasses from Riggs Optical Company	1
Number of trips to Dr. Daily (Ear)	5
Number of trips to Dr. Pulliam (Ear)	4
Number of trips to Child Guidance Center	10
Number of trips to Billie Knight (Speech Pathology Clinic)	6

CLUBS

The Chit Chat Club, under the direction of the Altrusa Club of Houston, has continued its interesting meetings during the year. These have been most instructive. A list of subjects and the speakers are given as follows:

Friendships	Miss Renis and Mrs. Levinson
Friendships	Mrs. Swartz and Miss Copeland
Travel	Mrs. Allensworth
Photography for Moving Pictures	Miss Chambers and
	Mrs. Peggy Spotts Weaver
The Christmas Story	Mrs. Lester

At the beginning of each year the girls decide upon subjects which they would enjoy having discussed and from these suggestions the programs are planned.

The Venture Club has entertained six young girls several times during the year. They keep the same group each year.

A Y-teen Agers Club has been organized by the Y.W.C.A. with an average membership of 18. This club is sponsored by Jean Kimball of the Y.W.C.A. and Mary Olive Ballantyne of the School. Some of the projects for the year have been;

- How to Organize a club
- Purpose of the Y-teen Agers
- Dramatization of Personalities
- Dancing
- Good English

The meetings are held at the Y.W.C.A. and the School, on alternate months, the first Monday of each month. A little social hour with refreshments follow some of the meetings.

The Big Sister Group has continued its interest during the year.

The Junior Firemen's Organization, sponsored by the Bellaire Volunteer Firemen's Department, has become very much interested in knowing all about the prevention of fire, how to fight a fire and how to care for fire equipment. These meetings are held once a month. Officers among the girls have been elected, a chief, assistant chief, senior captain, junior captain, senior lieutenant and junior lieutenant. Literature which will instruct and create interest has been furnished by the Bellaire Department.

ENTERTAINMENT

		<u>Attendance</u>
Music Hall	Heide	57
Coliseum	Rodeo	80
South Main Roller Rink	Skating	50
City Auditorium	Hour of Charm	6

Altrusa Club	Picnic	9
Alabama	"The Jolson Story"	8
Miniature Golf	Fannin Street Course	12
Organ Recital	Christ Episcopal Church	9
Hermann Park	Symphony Concert	20
Miniature Golf	Eastwood Course	18
Hermann Park	Symphony Concert	11
Venture Club	Picnic	6
Miniature Golf	Eastwood Course	17
Seabrook	Salesmanship Camp	67
Memorial Park	Picnic	14
Ship Channel	Picnic	11
San Jacinto Battle Ground	Picnic	44
Museum of Fine Arts	Art Exhibit	28
Hermann Park	Picnic	28
Tower	"The Egg and I"	19
Hermann Park	Picnic	9
Milby Park	Hay Ride	9
Coliseum	Shrine Circus	80
Dinner Party	Boy's Bayland	20
Alabama	"Song of Love"	23
Alabama	"Thunderhead in the Valley"	25

Birthday Party at the School for each month of the year.
 Feature Picture Show at the School each month by Mr. Carss.
 Other special entertainment.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Chapel has been a wonderful place in which to hold our religious meetings. As all services are undenominational, ministers of the various churches in Houston, West University and Bellaire have conducted the Sunday afternoon services, giving of their time liberally and bringing to us interesting and helpful talks.

The morning Chapel exercises, the Sunday School work and the Christian Endeavor meetings have continued.

The special service at Easter, the annual meeting of the Council of Church Women, the Harris County Christian Endeavor Mass Meeting, the Sunday before Christmas and the Candle Light service on Christmas Eve have brought many outsiders to our little church.

The interest in "China's Children" and in the work with the Lepers has continued and has been stimulated by the visits from missionaries from Indo-China and from Mrs. Kellersberger who is with the

DONATIONS

Books - Fiction and Reference

Magazine subscriptions;

Chapter Q of PEO

Life

Reader's Digest

The Woman's Auxiliary to the
Harris County Medical Society
Hygeia

Christian and Missionary Alliance Church
Alliance Weekly

Mrs. E. A. Clarke;
The American Girl

Birthday cakes and individual gifts - Mrs. S. L. Van Nort.
Gifts of clothing from several friends.
Play Ground equipment - Business & Professional Women's S. S. Class
of the First Methodist Church.

Rotary Club of Houston - Christmas Fund	\$ 1,256.75
A. E. Clarkson (Bayland Orphan Home Fund)	180.27
Assembly No. 8, Order of Rainbow Girls	130.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Educational Fund	100.00
Business & Professional Women's S. S. Class of the First Methodist Church - Recreational Fund	70.00
Lions Club of Bellaire - Christmas Fund	50.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Instruments for Orchestra	40.00
Assembly No. 10, Order of Rainbow Girls	30.00
Chapter W of PEO - Christmas Fund	29.45
Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Palmer - Christmas Fund	25.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Christmas Fund	20.00
F. W. Heitman Company - Christmas Fund	15.00
Harris County Grand Jury	15.00
Chapter P of PEO - handkerchief shower for Christmas	
Miss Mary Olive Ballantyne - Recreational Fund	8.00
Mrs. Laura B. DeWalt - Recreational Fund	5.00
W. C. T. U. - Music	5.00
Bayland Orphans' Home Board - Chlorinating System for swimming pool	1,000.00

AWARDS AND GIFTS

Thomas Ballantyne Award - Voice	5.00
Rotary Club gifts to the Junior High graduates	
George Mellenger Class Pins to graduates	
Mrs. Carrie Thomas and Mrs. Beulah Bone, Flowers to graduates	
June Cox Medal - Scholarship	

BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

Bayland Home for Boys closed the year of 1947 with perhaps its most successful period of amount and progress in developing character and providing substitute homes for boys. The average population throughout the year has remained about the same as that for the preceding year. As is true at Mary Burnett and Ethel A. Claxton Schools, the average age of the boys is less than that of preceding years. This is due also to the fact that youngsters from seven to twelve are accepted in greater numbers than heretofore.

The Home has had a stable staff on the whole and has not had the handicaps of vacancies and replacements that have been in existence with the Probation Department and Mary Burnett School. There have been a number of indications of the strength of the staff and of their ability to properly plan and supervise the children in their care. Among these are the almost complete absence of runaways from the institution, conflict between boys in the Home, conflict between institution and parents, and, on the positive side, a most excellent working relationship and complete understanding and support from the Webster Independent School District, a continuing development of a most pleasant and profitable experience for the boys and the Home with the downtown Kiwanis Club of Houston, as well as other organizations and individuals who give of their time, effort, and money to the boys and the Home.

Special importance should be made of the activities of the downtown Kiwanis Club of Houston. A special Bayland Committee is actively working with the boys and the staff throughout the year. Various activities such as attendance at football, baseball, and other sport activities, picnics, parties, shows, et cetera, have been made available to all of the boys by the Kiwanis Bayland Committee. Their entire program for the year was ended with a Christmas party attended by many of the Kiwanians and their wives. Appropriate gifts were available for each of the boys. Of invaluable assistance is the Kiwanis Bayland Committee's interest in the higher education of Bayland boys. At the present time they are subsidizing three Bayland boys in three different universities within the State.

Particular mention also should be made of the wonderful gifts made possible by the Steering Committee of the Bill Williams Capon Dinner. The Steering Committee, which holds this dinner annually, made available \$1500 of the funds raised at that time to be used for the benefit of the Bayland boys. At Christmas time three boats, a large console model radio and automatic record changer, together with other smaller gifts such as life preservers, fishing tackle, et cetera, were given to our boys. Through the interest of the Steering Committee, Mr. Earl North and friends purchased outside of the Steering Committee eight saddles, bridles, and blankets in order that the boys might have this equipment to ride the ten horses now at the Home. Four of these horses were given to Bayland this fall through the Kiwanis Bayland Committee.

Statistical Report

Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1947	66
Number of boys committed through District Court during year	18
Number of boys returned to Home by District Court, previously committed	4
Number of boys transferred to Home from DePelchin Faith Home	2
Number of boys transferred from custody of Chief Probation Officer	<u>1</u>
Total number of boys committed and transferred by Court Order	25
Number of boys held on District Court order during year	15
Number of boys held during year by District Court, later committed	13
Number of boys held by District Court order on December 31, 1947, not committed	1
Number of boys held - later released - not committed	1
Number of boys returned to family or relatives by District Court order	9
Number of boys placed in foster home through District Court order	0
Number of boys placed in work or free homes by District Court order	3
Number of District Court boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	1
Number of boys released to armed service and other schools	<u>10</u>
Total number of boys removed from custody of school through District Court order	23
Total number of boys enrolled at Home December 31, 1947	68
Total number of individual boys cared for at Home, including those committed, held temporarily, et cetera, during year	91
Average daily attendance during the year	69

Proof of Total Population During Year

Number of boys in Home January 1, 1947 - committed	64
Number of boys committed by District Courts	18
Number of boys returned by District Courts, previously committed	4
Number of boys transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	2
Number of boys transferred from Chief Probation Officer	1

Miscellaneous

Average age of boys in Home on December 31, 1947	13.1 years
Average period of time spent in Home by boys enrolled on December 31, 1946	20.7 months

Grade Classification as of December 31, 1947

Number of boys in first grade	2
Number of boys in second grade	2
Number of boys in third grade	6
Number of boys in fourth grade	9
Number of boys in fifth grade	8
Number of boys in sixth grade	9
Number of boys in seventh grade	8
Number of boys in eighth grade	15
Number of boys in ninth grade	5
Number of boys in tenth grade	2
Number of boys in eleventh grade	1
Number of boys in twelfth grade	1
	<u>68</u>

Medical and Surgical Work

Visits by County Health Officer and Nurses	7
Visits to the Clinics in Houston	148
Medical	71
Bone	18
Emergency	25
Eye	11
Ear, Nose, Throat	<u>23</u>
Boys placed in bed in the Home Hospital Room	16
Total days' time	48
Boys placed in bed in Jefferson Davis Hospital	26
Total days' time	147
Emergency trips to town	35
Number of times ambulance called to Home	1
Number of operations (includes circumcisions and tonsil- ectomies)	36
Boys given typhoid immunization	66
Boys given pertussis shots	26
Boys given diphtheria shots	26
Boys given small pox immunization	29
Boys given influenza immunization	66
Boys fitted with glasses	4

Products Produced and Consumed at the School

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Milk	6,415	Gallons	\$.70	\$4,490.50
Butter	651	Pounds	.80	520.80
Pork	7,142	Pounds(dressed)	.56	3,999.52
Beef	350	Pounds(dressed)	.35	122.50
Eggs	1,861	Dozen	.56	1,041.16
Chickens	130	Pounds(dressed)	.51	66.30
Beets	87	Bunches	.08	6.96
Cabbage	343	Pounds	.04	13.72
Fresh Corn	68	Dozen	.50	34.00
Black Eyed Peas	787	Pounds	.06	47.22
Green Onions	617	Bunches	.09	55.63
Okra	295	Pounds	.15	44.25
Turnip Greens	424	Bunches	.14	59.36
Pumpkins	70	Pounds	.05	3.50
Tomatoes	434	Pounds	.12	52.08
Squash	755	Pounds	.05	37.75
Peppers	162	Pounds	.09	14.58
Mustard Greens	149	Bunches	.13	19.37
Spinach	40	Bushels	.07	2.80
Broccoli	96	Pounds	.26	24.96
Sorghum Hay	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tons	25.00	37.50
Cows	2	Head	66.80 each	113.40
Sweet Potatoes	692	Pounds	.08	55.36
Squash (Hog Feed)	6,000	Pounds	.02	120.00
Potatoes	1,000	Pounds	.07	70.00
Melons	2,375	Pounds	.01	59.37
Figs	14	Gallons	.50	7.00
Beans and Peas	690	Pounds	.13	89.70
Cucumbers	641	Pounds	.06	38.46
Horses	1	Head	---	25.00
Total				\$11,272.75

Surplus Commodities Received from
Houston-Harris County Board of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Potatoes	6,300	Pounds	\$.03	\$ 189.00

Poultry and Livestock

Calves (Heifer)	3	8.00	24.00
Mules	2	150.00	300.00
Horses	8	50.00	<u>400.00</u>
Total			\$2,826.00

Produce Given to Other County Institutions

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Pork				
Harris County Home for the Aged	219	Pounds	.56	122.64
Garden Produce				
Mary Burnett School for Girls;				
Vegetables				\$ 96.88
Harris County Home for the Aged;				
Vegetables				21.96
Juvenile Detention Home;				
Vegetables				<u>10.96</u>
Total				\$ 129.80

Total value of products produced and consumed at School and given to other institutions	\$11,745.52
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HARRIS COUNTY HOME FOR THE AGED

As was noted in the annual report for the preceding year, the average population for the Harris County Home for the Aged is slowly increasing. There is indication that this increase will continue during 1948. It is also noted that there is an increasing number of the applicants who are physically handicapped to such an extent that they are either wholly or in part confined to their beds. We have also noted during the year that the number of applications for care in the Home is heavy and that almost half of those making application are not qualified for entrance due primarily to lack of legal residence. A limited number of bedridden patients have been accepted during the year. This has been made possible because of the addition of another nurse to the staff. It is believed that the major portion of those applying for care during the coming year will need nursing care in various degrees.

The Superintendent of the Home has continued to maintain his many contacts with various groups, churches, organizations, and individuals who manifest a continuing interest in the old people. Religious services, picture shows in the Home itself, various types of entertainment, singing and other special events, have been made available to all of those persons there throughout the year. There has been some type of program available a major portion of the nights throughout 1947. Particular thanks has been given to the ministers of the church groups and the leaders of the other organizations who have sponsored the various activities there and have brought cheer and happiness to our patients. The Harrisburg Rotary Club has continued its policy established during recent years of sponsoring the Christmas party and celebration. This is a combination of gift giving and entertainment.

Various improvements have been made at the institution. The installation of needed equipment has also added to the comfort of the patients.

Statistical Report

Number of persons in the Home January 1, 1947	78
Number of persons admitted during the year	33
Number of patients transferred after developing mental illness	5
Number of patients dismissed to home of relatives, Old Age Assistance, and work	5
Number of deaths in the Home during the year	<u>11</u>
Total number of persons dismissed or deceased	21
Total number of persons in the Home at end of year	90

Number of burials in Harris County Cemetery 4

Proof of Population

Number of persons in the Home on January 1, 1947	78	
Number of persons admitted during the year	<u>33</u>	
Total		111
Number of persons dismissed after receiving Old Age assistance	1	
Number of persons dismissed for other reasons	9	
Number of deaths	11	
Number of persons in the Home December 31, 1947	<u>90</u>	
Total		111

Medical Report

Visits made by Home physician	9
Average number of bed patients in the Home	22
Average number of different inmates seen in each clinic	28
Average daily attendance in Home Nurses' Clinic	38
Total number individuals receiving treatment at Jefferson Davis Clinics	32
Diagnostic	9
Emergency	7
Medical	9
X-ray	6
Bone	4
Eye	8
Dental	2
Total number of treatments received at Jefferson Davis Clinics	52
Total number of inmates admitted to Jefferson Davis Hospital	19

Products Produced and Consumed at the Institution

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Eggs	44	Cases	\$ 14.29	\$ 628.70
Chickens	80	Pounds	52	45.00

Received from Other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys;				
Vegetables				\$ 21.96
Pork	219	Pounds	\$.56	122.64
Beef (W. W. West gift)	654	Pounds	.40	261.60
Houston-Harris County Board of Public Welfare;				
Potatoes	56	Cwt.	3.50	<u>196.00</u>
Total				\$ 602.20

Poultry and Live Stock

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Number of Chickens	185	Each	\$ 1.50	\$ 277.50
Number of Ducks	2	Each	1.00	2.00
Number of Turkeys	4	Each	6.00	24.00
Number of Hogs	4	Each	8.00	32.00
Number of Mules	2	Each	150.00	<u>300.00</u>
Total				\$ 635.50

JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

The number of children held at the Juvenile Detention Home reached its peak in 1945 when 1,159 children were detained for short periods of time. In 1946 this total was reduced to 812. The year 1947 shows a further decrease in children detained of approximately 12 per cent. Seven hundred and ten boys and girls were placed in the Detention Home.

The daily average number of children held in 1945 was 16. In 1946 it dropped to 11 and in 1947 it took a further drop to 10; however, there were peak days where as many as 25 and 30 children were in the institution. The average length of stay of the children in the Detention Home is slightly less than that of the preceding year. Three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) days was the average time spent by the children in the Home.

The active cooperation between Probation Department, Crime Prevention Division of the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies, is responsible for the comparatively low number of children detained.

Volume

Number of cases of boys held temporarily in		
Juvenile Home		667
White	493	
Colored	<u>174</u>	
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in		
Juvenile Detention Home		229
White	159	
Colored	<u>70</u>	
Total number of cases of children held temporarily		
in Juvenile Detention Home		896
White	652	
Colored	<u>244</u>	
Number of individual children held temporarily in		
Juvenile Detention Home		710
Girls	197	
White	142	
Colored	<u>55</u>	
Boys		513
White	383	
Colored	<u>130</u>	

<u>Age Groups</u>					
<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>		<u>Total Children</u>
	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>	
10	14	14	1	0	29
11	21	6	0	2	29
12	29	16	3	2	50
13	51	18	7	8	84
14	88	31	35	13	167
15	131	43	30	20	224
16	152	44	47	14	257
17	7	1	30	10	48
Others	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
	493	174	159	70	896

Average age of children detained	14.92
Boys	14.29
White	14.6
Colored	13.9
Girls	15.1
White	15.5
Colored	14.9
Average length of stay in Juvenile Detention	
Home (Days)	3.59
Boys	2.98
Girls	5.04

Residence of Cases of Children Detained

Residence in City of Houston	650
Boys	501
Girls	<u>149</u>
Residence in Harris County - Outside Houston City	
Limits	68
Boys	48
Girls	<u>20</u>
Residence outside Harris County	178
Boys	122
Girls	<u>56</u>

Daily average number of children in Juvenile Detention

Home 0.5

Products Received from other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys:				
Miscellaneous Vegetables				\$ 10.96
Houston-Harris County Board of Public Welfare:				
Irish Potatoes	2,000	Pounds	\$.03 $\frac{1}{2}$	70.00
1 Case Dried Eggs				<u>4.00</u>
Total				\$ 74.00

VOLUME

RECAPITULATION

PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY INSTITUTIONS

Cases of all persons		13,875
Probation Department	12,465	
Mary Burnett and Ethel A. Claxton Schools	312	
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	91	
Harris County Home for the Aged	111	
Juvenile Detention Home	896	
Individuals represented in cases		17,579
Probation Department	16,169	
Children	12,057	
Adults	4,112	
Mary Burnett and Ethel A. Claxton Schools	312	
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys	91	
Harris County Home for the Aged (Adults)	111	
Juvenile Detention Home (Children)	896	
Number of children known to all Departments		13,356
Number of adults known to all Departments		<u>4,223</u>
		17,579

ANNUAL REPORT

of

Harris County Probation Department

Mary Burnett School for Girls

Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls

Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys

Harris County Home for the Aged

Juvenile Detention Home

FOR THE YEAR 1948

Submitted to

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JUVENILE COURT

DELINQUENCY CASES

County Judge, Sitting as a Juvenile Court
Judges of Criminal and Civil District Courts, Sitting as
Juvenile Courts

DEPENDENCY AND CUSTODY CASES

The Civil District Courts Exercise Concurrent Jurisdiction

PROBATION DEPARTMENT
and
COUNTY INSTITUTIONS

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The Support Section has again shown a large increase in the amount of funds received and disbursed for the support of children and wives; \$636,160.37 was collected and disbursed. This is an increase of \$85,876.11 over the year of 1947. A total of 4,197 children benefitted as a result of the collection of these funds. The excellent cooperative working arrangement with the Justice Courts, the Criminal and Civil District Courts, the District Attorney's Office, and the Grand Jury made possible the large amount of money collected from parents in broken homes for benefit of children under sixteen years of age.

One of the most satisfactory and constructive portions of the program of the Probation Department is through its foster home program, both paid and free, which has given to boys and girls an opportunity for normal family relationships in carefully selected and supervised homes. A total of 241 boys and girls from infancy to eighteen years of age, wards of the District and Juvenile Courts, were given care throughout the year in either pay, emergency, free or work foster homes. It is interesting to note, that of the children in foster homes on December 31, 1948, fifty-nine of the total of 138 were in free or work foster homes where family ties have been established with interested and capable foster parents.

The volume of work of all sections within the Probation Department in 1948, compared with the volume of work in 1947 is given in the following table:

Total cases officially received in 1947	12,465
Total cases officially handled in 1948	12,403
Number of individual children and adults reported in individual cases as listed above 1947	
	16,169
Individual children and adults reported in cases listed for 1948	
	17,136
Percentage of increase of total volume of work of the Probation Department for 1948 over 1947	
	5.98%

The work of the Probation Department is carried on through the main office, 1225 Elder Street, Houston, Texas; the business office and Support Division, located on the third floor, Civil Courts Building, Houston, Texas, and the two branch offices; one serving the Baytown-East Harris County area, and the other, the Pasadena-Bayshore area with headquarters at Baytown and Pasadena respectively.

We are pleased to report a relatively small decrease of two per cent in volume of work in the Delinquency Section, but regret that

DELINQUENT BOYS SECTION
MAIN OFFICE

VOLUME OF WORK

Total number of boys involved in all cases reported and investigated, excluding Parole and Probation Section	2,983
Number of boys handled in home or neighborhood on cases reported	1,203
Number of boys interviewed in office on cases reported	1,780
Total number of cases reported, excluding Probation and Parole Section	5,502
Number of cases handled in home, et cetera	2,123
Number of cases interviewed in office.	3,379
Number of cases referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation Department	2,857
Number of individual boys referred by Crime Prevention Division to Probation Department	1,912
Total number of formal petitions filed in boys' delinquency cases	705
Adjusted without court action.	598
Adjusted by formal court action.	107
Detention:	
Number of individual boys held in Juvenile Detention Home. .	493
White.	403
Colored.	90
Total number of cases of boys held in Juvenile Detention Home	668
Number of cases represented in Juvenile Detention Home of boys held more than one time	175
Number of boys returned to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas, after revocation of parole by School. . .	20
White.	14
Colored.	6

Juvenile Court Work

Institutional Commitments:	
Boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	60
White.	43
Colored.	17

Court's Probation and Parole Activities:
Number of cases of boys placed on probation by Juvenile

Boys handled in home or neighborhood	201	
Boys handled in office	38	
Number of cases reported represented by individual boys. . . .		192

Pre-Court Casework Service

Cases given pre- court casework service.		159
White	138	
Colored.	21	

Probation and Parole Work

Number of boys under supervision January 1, 1948	49
Number of boys added to supervisory case load during year. . .	106
Total number of boys under supervision	155
Number of boys dropped from supervision during the year. . . .	64
Number of boys under supervision at end of year.	91
Average number of boys under supervision during year	75

Summary

Number of boys referred to Probation Department - Main Office	0
Number of boys not duplicated in Main Office, including	
1947 carry-over.	239
Number of cases referred to Probation Department - Main Office	0
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office, including	
1947 carry-over.	192
Number of children in free foster homes during the year. . . .	5
White.	3
Colored.	2

Pasadena Branch Office

Volume of Work

Delinquent Boys:

Individual boys involved in all cases reported and investigated	185
Number of cases represented by individual boys	122

Pre-Court Casework Service

Cases given pre-court casework service	74
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Probation and Parole Work

Boys under supervision January 1, 1948	53
Boys added to supervisory case load.	65
Total boys under supervision	118
Boys dropped from supervision during the year.	82
Number of boys under supervision at end of year.	36
Average number of boys under supervision during year	48

Number of girls returned to State Training School for Girls, for violation of parole	5
Number of girls paroled by State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	15
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in Juvenile Detention Home	229
Cases referred to other agencies	21
Cases referred to other sections of the Probation Department .	11

Baytown Branch Office

Cases Reported:	
New Cases	56
Old Cases	<u>16</u>
	72
Individual Girls:	
White.	58
Colored.	<u>17</u>
	75
Number of girls under supervision, including carry-over from 1947 of 25 girls.	69
Runaway Girls:	
Harris County girls reported away from home.	13
Harris County girls found and returned home.	13
Cases referred to other agencies	31
Cases referred to inter-departments of Probation Department. .	4
Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department - Main Office	71
Girls in free foster homes	3
White.	2
Colored.	<u>1</u>

Pasadena Branch Office

Cases Reported	26
Individual Girls:	
White.	28
Colored.	<u>1</u>
	29
Number of girls under supervision.	27
Runaway Girls:	
Girls reported away from home.	6
Girls found and returned.	6
Cases referred to Probation Department - Main Office	6
Number of girls not duplicated in Probation Department	

Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	13	
Girls transferred from Mary Burnett School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas	4	
Girls committed to State Training School for Girls, Gainesville, Texas, transfer held up	7	
Girls committed to Convent of Good Shepherd, Houston, Texas.	3	
Girls found not delinquent	0	
Total number cases of girls committed to State, County, and private institutions and those found not delinquent. . .		54

Cases of girls on probation from Juvenile Court.	3	
Cases of girls paroled from Convent of Good Shepherd by Juvenile Court.	8	
Cases passed by Juvenile Court without final adjudi- cation	4	
Number of girls before Juvenile Court more than once . .	5	20
Total number cases before Juvenile Court		<u>74</u>

Number of individual girls represented in cases heard by Juvenile Court.		72
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Charges Filed Against Adults in Connection with
Cases Involving Girls*

Felony cases		12
Convicted.	5	
Dismissed.	0	
Found not guilty	0	
Pending.	<u>7</u>	

Sentences After Conviction:		
Total years in penitentiary.		12½
Total years suspended sentences		5

Misdemeanor Cases.		14
Convicted.	5	
Dismissed.	6	
Found not guilty	1	
Pending.	<u>2</u>	

Total time in jail sentences	2 yrs, 3 mos
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*These adults represent cases which occurred outside the City limits of Houston and within Harris County. All other cases of this type within the City limits of Houston have been handled by the Crime Prevention Division.

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT SECTION

Number of girls held in Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls		
on District Court Order	25	
Carried over from 1947	0	
Placed during 1948	<u>25</u>	
Number of girls held, later released		8
Number of girls held, later committed		14
Number of girls held on December 31, 1948		3
Total number of girls committed to Ethel A. Claxton School for		
Girls by District Court	20	
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	4	
Committed by Court	<u>16</u>	
Number of boys held at Bayland Home for Boys on District		
Court Order	9	
Carried over from 1947	1	
Placed during year of 1948	<u>8</u>	
Number of boys held, later released		2
Number of boys held, later committed		5
Number of boys held, not committed on January 1, 1949		2
Total number of boys committed to Bayland Home for Boys	20	
By District Court	10	
Transferred from DePelchin Faith Home	1	
Transferred from Chief Probation Officer	2	
Returned by Court, previously committed	<u>7</u>	
Children declared dependent and committed to Chief		
Probation Officer	16	
Children declared dependent and placed in private homes		
and others		11
Total number of children committed to DePelchin Faith Home		45
Total of all children committed by Courts		98
Number of children involved in petitions filed		103
Number of dependency petitions pending on December 31, 1948		15
Number of dependency petitions denied during the year		0
Number of dependency petitions dismissed during the year		7
Number of dependency petitions filed during the year		78

Dependency Cases - No Court Action

Number of cases reported		596
New cases	272	
Old cases	116	
Carried over from 1947	<u>208</u>	
Number of children involved in cases reported		947
New cases	468	
Old cases reopened	208	
Cases carried over from 1947	<u>271</u>	

Adoption Cases

Number of cases referred by District Courts	327
Number of cases carried over from 1947	20
Number of cases investigated and reports made	320
Number of cases pending	27
Number of children involved in cases	377
Number of cases dismissed.	5
Out-of-County adoptions investigated	16
Total of all adoption cases	<u>363</u>

Children of Divorced Parents

Number of cases referred	28
Cases carried over from 1947	1
Cases investigated and reports made	28
Cases pending on December 31, 1948	1
Children involved in cases referred	50
Out-of-County cases referred by other Courts	10
Total divorce cases	<u>38</u>

Habeas Corpus Cases

Number of cases referred	26
Cases carried over from 1947	1
Cases investigated and reports made	26
Cases pending on December 31, 1948	1
Number of children involved in cases referred	45

Work Permits

Number of cases referred for work permits	12
Number carried over from 1947	0
Number of permits recommended	7
Number of permits not recommended	5
Cases pending December 31, 1948	0

Investigations for County Judge in Consent for Adoption Cases

Cases referred for consent for adoption	23
Cases carried over from 1947	0
Children involved in cases referred	23
Reports made on cases referred	23
Cases pending on December 31, 1948	1
Miscellaneous cases investigated for County Judge	20
Total all cases	<u>43</u>

Feebleminded Persons

New cases reported	29	
Cases carried over from 1947	<u>4</u>	
Total cases for year		33
Persons committed to Austin State School, Austin, Texas . .		29
Cases adjusted and closed without commitment		3
Cases pending on January 1, 1948		1
Persons accepted and admitted by Austin State School . . .		17
Persons committed, not admitted on January 1, 1948		12
Children in cases handled	29	
Adults in cases handled	<u>4</u>	
Total persons in cases handled		33

Children with Mental Illness

Number of children mentally ill	5
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Epileptic Persons

Cases carried over from 1947	0
Cases reported	12
Persons committed to Abilene State Hospital	8
Applications withdrawn after commitment	0
Cases adjusted or closed	2
Persons admitted to Abilene State Hospital	8
Persons committed and waiting admission on December 31, 1948.	2
Cases pending	0
Children in cases reported	10
Adults in cases reported	2

Indigent Tubercular Persons

Persons for whom clothing and transportation were furnished by Harris County, admitted to State tuberculosis hospitals	18
Children	8
Adults	<u>10</u>

Miscellaneous Cases - Main Office

A number of miscellaneous cases, which could not be classified under any of the headings above, have been the responsibility of the Dependency and Neglect Section. These may be divided into two groups, investigations requested by out-of-town agencies and minor service cases.

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	200
Number of individuals involved	291
Children	267
Adults	24

Branch Offices - Dependency Cases

Baytown Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	40
Number of children involved in cases	104
Number of cases under supervision December 31, 1948	57
Number of children under supervision December 31, 1947.	27
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	40
Number individual children not duplicated in Main Office.	104

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	16
Number of individuals involved in cases	24
Children	15
Adults	9
Number of minor service cases	336
Number of individuals involved in cases	543
Children	297
Adults	246
Number of children in Free Foster Homes	4

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Pasadena Branch Office

Dependency - No Court Action:

Number of cases reported	18
Number of cases referred to Main Office	0
Number of cases not duplicated in Main Office	18
Number of children involved in unduplicated cases	39
Cases under supervision	18
Number of children under supervision	39

Miscellaneous Cases:

Number of investigations for out-of-town agencies	8
Number of minor service cases	60
Number of individuals in miscellaneous cases	237
Children	147
Adults	90
Number of children in Free and Work Homes	4

Note: None of these cases were duplicated in Main Office.

Volume of Work Recapitulation
of
Dependency and Neglect Section

Applications for admission to Harris County Home for the Aged		32
Applications for State institutional service		68
Feeble-minded cases	33	
Children mentally ill	5	
Epileptic cases	12	
Indigent tubercular persons	<u>18</u>	
Miscellaneous cases		1,066
Total of all cases		2,377
Number of individuals represented in cases reported . . .		3,552
Children	3,083	
Adults	<u>469</u>	

SUPPORT SECTION

Total of all cases during year		2,497
Number of cases active on January 1, 1948 . . .	1,356	
Number of new cases accepted during the year . .	882	
Number of old cases reopened during the year . .	<u>259</u>	
Number of new complaints		324
Number of cases active on December 31, 1948	1,549	
Number of cases for support of wives only during year . .	111	
Number of cases for support of children during year . .	2,386	
Average number of cases per month	1,555	
Wife only	34	
Children	<u>1,521</u>	
Number of children receiving support during the year . .	4,197	
Average number of children receiving support each month .	2,586	
Average number of wives receiving support each month . .	34	
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	\$ 165.00	
Total amount collected during the year	\$636,160.37	
Total amount disbursed during the year	\$636,325.37	

Receipts:

	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice
January	\$ 37,401.79	\$ 657.00	\$ 834.14	\$ 1,937.17	\$ 7,465.81	\$ 2,533.50
February	35,499.76	595.00	1,066.50	1,367.72	7,255.39	2,579.20
March	37,886.30	643.50	839.50	1,805.00	7,853.00	2,406.50
April	34,881.71	643.50	933.20	1,671.69	7,975.64	2,768.50
May	37,085.99	888.50	851.00	1,680.16	9,032.48	2,518.50
June	37,701.46	850.00	636.85	1,569.84	8,637.89	3,359.08
July	37,234.15	734.50	515.85	1,575.75	9,233.39	2,627.50
August	38,313.02	884.50	861.08	1,758.69	9,721.70	3,184.70
September	39,345.33	740.50	670.35	1,578.25	8,620.77	2,238.00
October	43,654.78	684.00	652.25	1,591.25	8,609.00	2,343.50
November	43,729.28	661.00	617.35	1,556.25	8,604.00	2,248.50
December	42,969.31	649.00	930.85	1,592.65	8,484.60	2,432.00
	<u>\$465,702.88</u>	<u>\$8,631.00</u>	<u>\$9,408.92</u>	<u>\$19,684.42</u>	<u>\$101,493.67</u>	<u>\$31,239.48</u>

	Total	Receipts Issued	Warrants Issued
January	\$ 50,829.41	2,836	2,836
February	48,363.57	2,666	2,666
March	51,433.80	2,953	2,953
April	48,874.24	2,876	2,876
May	52,056.63	2,961	2,961
June	52,755.12	2,982	2,982
July	51,921.14	2,962	2,962
August	54,723.69	2,985	2,985
September	53,193.20	2,901	2,901
October	57,534.78	3,123	3,123
November	57,416.38	3,117	3,117
December	57,058.41	2,996	2,996
	<u>\$636,160.37</u>	<u>35,358</u>	<u>35,358</u>

New Cases:

	Court						Total
	Civil	Grand Jury	Criminal	Probation Office Agreements	District Attorney Agreements	Justice	
January	37	0	0	0	25	2	64
February	47	0	0	2	14	1	64
March	37	0	2	3	24	3	69
April	43	0	2	4	42	2	93
May	44	0	1	2	25	6	78
June	37	0	1	2	23	3	66
July	48	0	1	3	25	4	81
August	32	0	1	5	31	4	73
September	42	0	0	3	25	0	70
October	49	0	0	9	24	0	82
November	58	0	0	6	16	2	82
December	28	0	0	7	21	4	60
	<u>502</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>882</u>

Persons Receiving Support

	Children	Wives	Total
January	89	9	98
February	84	5	89
March	110	7	117
April	118	11	129
May	122	5	127
June	107	9	116
July	133	6	139
August	104	9	113
September	114	10	124
October	133	8	141
November	130	10	140
December	97	2	99
	<u>1341</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>1432</u>

New Cases According to Race

	Anglo American	Latin American	Negro	Total
January	56	2	6	64
February	56	0	8	64
March	51	7	11	69
April	73	7	13	93
May	61	6	11	78
June	56	4	6	66
July	51	7	23	81
August	44	13	16	73
September	47	7	16	70
October	57	8	17	82
November	65	2	15	82
December	52	1	7	60
	<u>669</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>882</u>

Complaints

January	23
February	20
March	29
April	26

Active Cases:

	<u>Persons Receiving Support</u>			<u>Average Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Wives</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	2526	22	2548	1486	22	1508
February	2557	30	2587	1504	30	1534
March	2584	29	2613	1520	29	1549
April	2589	40	2629	1523	40	1563
May	2581	30	2611	1518	30	1548
June	2591	36	2627	1524	36	1560
July	2604	43	2647	1532	43	1575
August	2598	39	2637	1528	39	1567
September	2592	36	2628	1525	36	1561
October	2616	34	2650	1539	34	1573
November	2608	39	2647	1534	39	1573
December	2587	27	2614	1522	27	1549
	<u>31,033</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>31,438</u>	<u>18,255</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>18,660</u>

FOSTER HOME SECTION

Foster home applications received.	29
Approved	26
Disapproved.	2
Pending.	0
Withdrawn by applicants.	<u>1</u>
Foster homes approved, placed in use during year	28
Foster homes approved, not in use.	2
Foster homes in use on January 1, 1948	36
Foster homes closed during year.	21
Foster pay homes in use on December 31, 1948	43
Children in pay foster homes January 1, 1948	62
Children placed during year (initial placements)	29
Children transferred from one home to another.	16
Children returned to own homes	8
Children released to relatives and armed services.	6
Children maintaining themselves in work and free homes	4
Children transferred to Bayland Home for Boys.	5
Children transferred to Mary Burnett School for Girls.	2
Children in pay foster homes on December 31, 1948.	66
White.	61
Colored.	5

Children in pay foster homes during the year		91
White.	86	
Colored.	<u>5</u>	
Parental status of children at end of year in pay foster homes:		
Two parents.		56
One parent		30
No parent.		5
Total.		<u>91</u>
Ages of children in pay foster homes at end of year:		
Children 15 to 18 years of age		13
Children 12 to 15 years of age		9
Children 8 to 12 years of age.		9
Children 0 to 8 years of age		35
Average of children in pay foster homes.	10 yrs, 4 mos	
Average population for year.	63.66	
Average length of stay in foster home.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs	
Additional children in free or work homes through placement by Juvenile Court and Probation Department during year		81
White.	57	
Colored.	<u>24</u>	
Closed during year		22
Total children in work and free homes under supervision on December 31, 1948	59	
Total children in pay homes under supervision on December 31, 1948.	<u>61</u>	110
Total number of children in free, work, and paid foster homes during year		172
Services to children in boarding homes:		
Physical examinations.		20
Psychometric examinations.		16
Hospitalization.		8
Dental clinic visits of children.		42
Medical clinic visits of children.		143
Children securing part-time and full-time employment		14
Boys entering armed services		2

Emergency Receiving Home

Number of children given temporary care.	69
Number of children in Home on December 31, 1948.	4
Total number of children in paid, free, work, and	241

VOLUME OF WORK RECAPITULATION
OF
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Cases handled by Probation Department.		12,403
Delinquency Section.	7,529	
Dependency and Neglect Section	2,377	
Support Section.	2,497	
Foster Home Section.	<u>218</u>	
Individuals represented in cases handled		17,136
Delinquency Section.		5,209
Children	5,183	
Adults	<u>26</u>	
Dependency and Neglect Section		3,552
Children	3,083	
Adults	<u>469</u>	
Support Section.		8,048
Children	4,197	
Adults	<u>3,851</u>	
Foster Home Section.		327
Children	172	
Adults	86	
Emergency Receiving Home, children held. .	<u>69</u>	
Total number of individual children represented in cases handled.		12,704
Total number of individual adults represented in cases handled.		4,432

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
AND
ETHEL A. CLAXTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The year 1948 disclosed a very successful administration of Mary Burnett and Ethel A. Claxton Schools. The amount of repairs and replacements to buildings and equipments has been limited, but all emergency needs in this respect have been met. An extensive schedule of repairs and maintenance work is badly needed.

Even though handicapped throughout the year by the short staff, the over all academic, recreational, and cultural program has been most encouraging. The loyalty, diligence and long hours given the girls by the staff has been one of the many indications of the sound basis upon which this school is established.

There has continued during 1948 a trend noticeable for the past few years of a decrease in proportion of children committed through Juvenile Court, over the number committed as dependents by the Civil District Court. The population of the Ethel A. Claxton School for Dependent Girls stood at 86 on January 31, 1949 as compared to 74 for the same date last year. The population of Mary Burnett School on January 1, 1949 was 14, as compared to 23 on the same date last year.

SCHOOL POPULATION

ETHEL A. CLAXTON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
(District Court Department)

Population January 1, 1948		74
Girls held from 1947		0
New girls held during year		25
Of this number committed	14	
Of this number discharged	8	
Still held 1-1-49	<u>3</u>	
Other commitments		6
Total commitments		20
Girls placed during the year		18
Returned to the School		15
Of this number placed again	7	
Of this number discharged	0	
Of this number still in School	<u>8</u>	
Other discharges during the year		1
Population January 1, 1949		86
Individual girls in this department during year		111

New girls held during the year		10
Of this number discharged	6	
Of this number committed	1	
Of this number still held	<u>3</u>	
Other commitments		8
Total commitments		9
Girls placed during the year		13
Returned to the School		3
Of this number placed again	2	
Of this number still in the School	1	
Of this number discharged	<u>0</u>	
Other discharges during the year		5
Population January 1, 1949		14
Individual girls in this department during year		43

Recapitulation
(Both Departments)

Population January 1, 1948		97
Girls held from 1947		4
Of this number discharged	4	
Of this number still being held	<u>0</u>	
New girls held during the year		35
Of this number discharged	14	
Of this number committed	15	
Of this number still being held	<u>6</u>	
Other commitments		14
Total commitments		29
Girls placed during the year		31
Girls returned to the School during the year		18
Of this number placed again	9	
Of this number discharged	0	
Of this number still in the School	<u>9</u>	
Other discharges during the year		6
Population January 1, 1949		100
Individual girls in the School during year		154

Placement Department

	<u>Ethel A. Claxton</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett</u> <u>School for Girls</u> <u>(Juvenile Court)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under Supervision outside of School	78	61	139
Discharged from this department in '48	18	22	40
Because of age	16	17	33
Returned to parents	0	0	0
Because of location	0	0	0
Because of death	1	0	1
Returned to School	0	0	0

Population in this department 1-1-49	70	52	122
Individual girls cared for in this department in 1948	96	75	171
Visits to girls and in interest of girls	1,696	1,080	2,776
Regarding follow up work	1,315	925	2,240
Regarding girls still in School	299	120	419
Regarding discharged girls	82	35	117
Number of investigations made	124	54	178
Number of placements made	93	38	131
Temporary	48	3	51
Permanent	45	35	80
Kinds of placements			
Boarding	3	0	3
Domestic	3	4	7
Professional and business	14	14	28
Parents' homes	15	4	19
Other relatives' homes	27	2	29
Own homes	3	4	7
Foster homes	25	2	27
Other institutions	3	5	8
Hours spent in investigations, placements and follow-up work	1,362	1,050	2,412
Miscellaneous hours	383	690	1,073
Hours spent on records	317	614	931
Cards and letters sent to girls (approx)	355	401	756
Cards and letters received from girls (approx)	170	172	342
Number of visits made to School by girls	124	64	188
Number of phone calls to and from girls (approx) and regarding	1,894	900	2,794
Mileage	11,915	19,790	31,705
School car	1,679	7,696	9,375
Personal car	9,556	12,094	21,650
Bus and Misl.	680	0	680
Train	0	0	0

Daily Population - 1948

<u>Month</u>	<u>In School</u>	<u>Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls (District Court)</u>	<u>Mary Burnett School for Girls (Juvenile Court)</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	96	77	63	239
February	94	75	63	232
March	84	77	63	224

Daily average in School	95
Daily average on the outside (Ethel A. Claxton School for Girls - District Court)	73
Daily average on the outside (Mary Burnett School for Girls - Juvenile Court)	59
Daily average of girls under supervision during 1948 . . .	228

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Two teachers have been furnished by the Houston Public System.

Forty-one pupils have been enrolled as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pupils</u>
I	1
II	8
III	11
IV	8
V	9
VI	4

In this department much stress has been laid on the study of continents, oceans, climates and peoples. These projects have helped the pupils to understand how we are influenced by peoples, climate and physical divisions. The chief motive has been "Better Citizenship". Two trips to the Museum of Natural History have been made to study birds and fossils. Various other educational outings have been interesting and instructive.

Junior High School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pupils</u>
VII	12
VIII	18
IX	11

Senior High School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pupils</u>
X	8
XI	4
XII Lamar High	4
Not in school	2

Some special projects this year have been:-

MUSIC

Instruction has been given in Piano, Voice and instruments of the Orchestra with the purpose of creating within the students the ability to express their feelings and emotions through the medium of their own voices or musical instruments. A sense of appreciation for better music has also been stimulated through the use of carefully selected compositions.

Forty-five pupils registered for Piano lessons during the year as follows:

Beginners	24
Intermediates	17
Advanced	4

The Orchestra consisted of twenty members, and the Tonette Band was made up of sixteen younger girls. Two hours twice a week have been given to Glee Club and Choral training.

Registration for Glee Club	30
Registration for Junior Chorus	35
Registration for Senior Chorus	30

As an outcome of the work done in the different Music departments, a number of interesting programs have been given during the year.

Public School Music has been offered in both 7th and 8th grades.

Registration for 7th grade music	20
Registration for 8th grade music	30

High School Music I and II were also offered.

Registration for Music I	12
Registration for Music II	8

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

Special program for Christian Endeavor banquet First Christian Church, Houston, by the Glee Club

Piano and Voice recital at Mary Burnett School

Easter Contata, "Memories of Easter Morn", at School Chapel

Special program for the Council of Church women of Houston by the Glee Club at the Mary-Martha Chapel

A group of three-part A Capella songs by the Glee Club for the University group at the First Christian Church, Houston

Program for Chapter P of PEO at the home of Miss Claxton

A program of three-part sacred anthems at Reed Memorial Methodist Church, Houston, by the Glee Club

A program of secular music at the Houston woman's Club by members of the Glee Club at a reception given by the Pilot Club

Special musical program for the Commencement exercises by the Glee Club and Orchestra, and Operetta, "Big Day"

A Piano and Voice recital at the close of the Summer Term

Special Thanksgiving music by the Glee Club

A Christmas musical playlet, "Christmastime", for the Houston Rotary Club dinner at the School

A Christmas program of music for the Business and Professional women's Club at the First Methodist Church of Houston

A Christmas program for the Bellaire Lions Club party at the School

A three-part Christmas Cantata, "Gloria In Excelsis", at Mary-Martha Chapel

The Easter and Christmas Cantatas were repeated by request at the First Baptist Church in Bellaire

Special music by the Glee Club and soloists have been given each Sunday during the year and at other special occasions in the Mary-Martha Chapel at the School.

CLUBS

The Chit Chat Club, sponsored by the Altrusa Club of Houston, has had an interesting series of talks and discussions on subjects of special interest to teen-agers.

The Venture Club has continued throughout the year with its six girls.

The Y Teen-Agers Club has had an interesting year, with a meeting once a month, alternating between the School and the Y.W.C.A.

Several members of the Altrusa Club who have been interested in their "little sisters" have continued this work. Church groups and sororities have interested themselves in some of the children.

BAKING

Baking done during the year 1948 in the three kitchens:

	<u>Bayland</u>	<u>Bryan</u>	<u>Cargill</u>	<u>Total</u>
Biscuits	6495	15750	9077	31322
Bread	1297	2100	1562	4959
Cakes	82	208	183	473
Cookies	7562	14592	3320	25474
Cup Cakes	517	1920	806	3243
Muffins	5017	7488	10870	33375
Pies	405	336	167	908
Rolls	2128	11592	7694	21414

SCHOOL POULTRY

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Eggs	1788	Dozen	\$733.40
Dressed poultry	341	Pounds	170.50
			<u>\$903.90</u>

RECEIVED FROM BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Vegetables			\$ 60.50
Pork	656	Pounds	446.08
			<u>\$506.58</u>

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

Raisins	10 cases @ \$5.00	\$ 50.00
Prunes	10 cases @ 5.00	50.00
Dried peaches	9 cases @ 5.00	45.00
Dried apples	13 boxes @ 4.00	52.00
Grapefruit juice	15 cases @ 3.00	45.00
Cabbage	800 lbs. @ .03	24.00
Irish potatoes	31 sacks @ 3.50	109.50
Figs	2 cases @ 5.00	10.00
Prunes	3 cases @ 5.00	15.00
Applesauce	11 cases @ 4.00	44.00
Dried eggs	3 cases @ 10.00	30.00
		<u>\$474.50</u>

Number of Pelvic checks	172
Number of returned girls examined	5
Number of new girls examined	44
Number of cases of impetigo treated	4
Number of minor ailments	37
Number of minor injuries	25
Number of skin cases treated	98
Number of A.W.O.L. checks	39
Number of girls reviewed	83
Number of girls with Ear, Nose and Throat ailments	75
Number of girls checked for colds	26
Number of girls treated for Athlete foot	6
Number of girls with Adenoma	1
Number of girls treated for warts	3
Number of outside girls examined	3
Number of girls treated for irregular menstrual periods	1
Number of girls with broken bones	4
Number of girls observed for overweight	3
Number of girls treated for burns	4
Number of girls treated for backache	2

MARY BURNETT SCHOOL
ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT

1948

Elva A. Wright, M. D.

Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital	73
Number of operations performed at Jefferson Davis Hospital	
Tonsilectomies	8
Cyst from forearm	1
Ear	1
Adenoma	1
Number of girls seen and treated	1211
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis (Eye Department)	22
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital (Tumor)	8
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital (Medical Clinic)	3
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital (ENT Clinic)	18
Number of trips to Jefferson Davis Hospital (Bone Clinic)	15
Number of trips to Herman Hospital	13
Number of trips to Dr. Woods Laboratory	5
Number of A.Z. tests at Dr. Woods Laboratory	1
Number of A.Z. tests at Jefferson Davis Hospital	1
Number of trips to Old Jefferson Davis Hospital	43
Number of trips to Guidance Center	27
Number of trips to Dr. Van Zant (Eye Doctor)	4
Number of girls for Chest X-Rays - Jefferson Davis Hospital	24
Number of trips to American Optical Company	10
Number of pairs of glasses received	11
Number of trips to Dr. Willensiek (Dentist)	15

ENTERTAINMENT

Delman	Netional Velvet	25
First Christian Church	Christian Endeavor Banquet	23
San Jacinto High School	Bettye Robbins, Pianist	9
Majestic	Albuquerque	24
Houston	Freedom Train	9
YWCA	Y-Teen	9
Oaklawn Evangelical Church	C. E. Mass Meeting	11
Milby Park	Hayride and Picnic	10
Clear Lake	Picnic	14
Dr. Wright's home	Altrusa Picnic	15
Main Street	Miniature Golf	22
Washington on Brazos	Junior Graduates Picnic	15
South Main Skating Rink	Skating	35
Alley Theatre	Caroline	7
Mr. and Mrs. Goode's home	Picnic	8
Herman Park	Art Class outing	7
Pin Oak Stables	Horse Show	15
Coliseum	Fireman's Circus	16
Milby Park	Picnic	11
San Jacinto Battle Grounds	Picnic	43
Galveston	Outing	45
Arrowhead Park	Horse Show	12
Coliseum	Kiddie Show	15
Kirby	Two Guys from Texas	11
High School Stadium	Football	6
Village	Green Grass of Wyoming	5
Reagan School	Football	5
San Jacinto Battle Grounds	Battle Ship - Texas	31
Arrowhead Park	Horse Show	22
Herman Park	Picnic	11
High School Stadium	Football	6
Coliseum	Shrine Circus	73
Tower	Cornelia Otis Skinner	6
Little Theatre	I Remember Mama	47
Loews State	Home of the Hills	12
Almeda	Southern Yankee	15

Birthday Party at the School for each month of the year
 Feature Picture Shows at the School
 Other special entertainment

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

For several weeks we have shared our Chapel with a Lutheran Church Group recently organized and planning to hold

F. W. Heitman Company - Christmas Fund	15.00
Harris County Grand Jury	12.00
Altrusa Club of Houston - Recreational Fund	11.00
Business and Professional Women's Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church - Recreational Fund	10.50
Mrs. H. M. Ansler - Christmas Fund	5.00
Mrs. Laura B. DeWalt - Christmas Fund	3.00
Chapter P of PEO - handkerchief shower for Christmas	
Circle No. 6 of Central Presbyterian Church - Christmas gifts	

AWARDS AND GIFTS

Altrusa Club of Houston - Scholarship	25.00
Dr. Elva A. Wright - Highest grade in Junior High	5.00
Esther Ghormley - Outstanding Cottage Girl	5.00
Wilbur H. Smith Award - Athletics	5.00
Alffie Wise Talbot Award - History	5.00
Captain James Asbury Tait Chapter Award	5.00
Helen W. Barton - Piano	5.00
T. D. Ballantyne - Voice	5.00
June Cox - Scholarship Medal	
George Mollenger Class Pins to Graduates	
Rotary Club gifts to Junior High Graduates	
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Cummins - gifts to Graduates	

BAYLAND HOME FOR BOYS

Bayland home has ended another successful year in the guidance of the ninety-two boys from six to seventeen who have been in the care of the home. There has been a gradual increase in average population, a trend that has been apparent for several years.

The staff, composed of interested and capable persons, has devoted long hours to the guidance and training of our dependent boys. The health, vocation and academic program is well balanced. The constant display of interest shown by the Webster Independent School District in the welfare of our boys has gone far to give to the individual, as well as the group, the incentive to improve themselves which would not be possible under other circumstances.

The Bayland Committee of the downtown Kiwanis Club of Houston has further developed its active participation and planning for our Bayland boys in the institute, in college, and in private employment. Their regular visits to the home, together with the many planned recreational and educational opportunities for them has made it possible to not only have full advantage of opportunities that they would have gotten in private homes, but has given them the opportunity of knowing and being advised by business men who have shown their sincere desire to help in giving all of the Bayland youngsters the pleasures and opportunities we would want for our own children. The Kiwanis Club is continuing to finance support and counselling with three of our older Bayland Boys who are in college.

We wish to express appreciation and thanks for the valuable gifts and personal contacts made by the members of the Bill Williams Capon Dinner Steering Committee. Much athletic and playground equipment, in addition to a television set, have been presented to the boys by the Steering Committee. The interest and active participation of this committee in the program of Bayland Home is continuing on into 1949.

We wish to express our thanks and that of the boys to church groups, womens' organizations, civic bodies, Interstate theatres, individuals, Fat Stock Show and many other persons and organizations who have been friends to the Home and who have contributed greatly to the comfort, pleasure and well-being of the children.

Statistical Report

Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1948	68
Number of boys committed through District Court during year	10

Number of boys held on District Court order during year	9
Number of boys held during year by District Court, later committed	5
Number of boys held by District Court order on December 31, 1948, not committed	2
Number of boys held - later released - not committed	2
Number of boys returned to family or relatives by District Court order	8
Number of boys placed in foster home through District Court order	5
Number of boys placed in work or free homes by District Court order	3
Number of District Court boys committed to State Training School for Boys, Gatesville, Texas	1
Number of boys released to armed service and other schools	<u>3</u>
Total number of boys removed from custody of school through District Court order	20
Total number of boys enrolled at Home December 31, 1948	72
Total number of individual boys cared for at Home, including those committed, held temporarily, et cetera, during year	92
Average daily attendance during the year	71
Boys in Home January 1, 1948	68
Committed	67
Held - not committed	<u>1</u>
Number of boys committed and transferred to Bayland Home during year	20
Number of boys held - not committed on January 1, 1949	2
Number of boys held temporarily during year - later released	<u>2</u>
	92
Number of boys dismissed from Bayland during year	20
Number of boys in Home on January 1, 1949	<u>72</u>
	92

Miscellaneous

Average age of boys in Home on December 31, 1947	12.5 years
Average period of time spent in Home by boys enrolled on December 31, 1947	20.4 months

Grade Classification as of December 31, 1948

Unclassified	2
Number of boys in second grade	

Squash (Hog Feed)	2000	Pounds	\$.04	\$ 80.00
Potatoes	850	Pounds	.09	76.50
Melons	400	Pounds	.03	12.00
Figs	20	Gallons	.60	12.00
Beans and Peas	912	Pounds	.13	118.56
Cucumbers	954	Pounds	.08	76.32
Carrots	160	Bunches	.10	16.00
Corn (Stock Feed)	3500	Pounds	.03	105.00
Cantaloupes	1600	Pounds	.10	160.00
Total				\$9336.51

Surplus Commodities Received from
Houston-Harris County Board of Public Welfare

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Average Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Eggs (Powdered)	5	Case	10.00	\$ 50.00
Apples (Fresh)	12	Boxes	4.00	48.00
Grapefruit juice	13	Cases	3.00	39.00
Cabbage	500	Pounds	.03	15.00
Potatoes	31	CWT	.035	108.50
Honey	22	Jars	.40	8.80
Figs (Dried)	2	Boxes	5.00	10.00
Peaches (Dried)	2	Boxes	5.00	10.00
Prunes (Dried)	3	Boxes	5.00	15.00
Apple Sauce	9	Cases	4.00	36.00
Total				\$ 340.30

	<u>Poultry and Livestock</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Chickens	175	1.50	263.50
Hogs	16	40.00	640.00
Pigs	46	10.00	460.00
Cows	13	100.00	1300.00
Heifers	4	35.00	140.00
Calves (Bull)	6	6.00	36.00
Mules	2	150.00	300.00
Horses	8	50.00	400.00
Total			\$3539.50

Produce Given to Other County Institutions

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
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Garden Produce

Mary Burnett School
for Girls:

Vegetables \$ 60.50

Harris County Home for
the Aged:

Vegetables 20.00

Juvenile Detention Home:

Vegetables 49.62

Total \$130.12

Total value of products produced and consumed at School and
given to other institutions and given to Bayland

by Welfare Board \$10,599.77

HARRIS COUNTY HOME FOR THE AGED

The Harris County Home for the Aged has given excellent care to one hundred and eighteen aged men and women, both white and colored during 1948. The home-like atmosphere and the excellent physical and nursing care given has made bright and happy the last years of the aged persons without resources, finances or families to provide a home for them.

More and more we see the trend developing where nursing care is of prime importance to the majority of the patients. As a rule, the Old Age Assistance Grant is available to the persons who wish to remain in their own homes or in private nursing establishments. Those, who are in our care, need almost constant attention from a health point of view. Twenty-four hour nursing and orderly service is maintained for them.

More than thirty groups and organizations have continued their contacts with the home during the year bringing religious services, music, picture shows, and other types of entertainment and events which bring happiness into the lives of the patients. Most of these groups visit the home once a month. Special occasions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas are made most real because of the interest of these organizations, composed of both men and women.

The superintendent and his staff are to be commended upon the excellent work they have done on behalf of the men and women who have found a haven of rest and peace in the Harris County Home for the Aged.

Statistical Report

Number of persons in the Home January 1, 1947	90
Number of persons admitted during the year	28
Number of patients transferred after developing mental illness	2
Number of patients dismissed to home of relatives, Old Age Assistance, and work	8
Number of deaths in the Home during the year	12
Total number of persons dismissed or deceased	22
Total number of persons in the Home at the end of year	96
Total number of persons cared for during the year	118
Average daily population during the year	96

Proof of Population

Number of persons in the Home on January 1, 1948	90	
Number of persons admitted during the year	28	
Total.		118
Number of persons dismissed after receiving Old Age Assistance	2	
Number of persons dismissed for other reasons.	8	
Number of deaths	12	
Number of persons in the Home December 31, 1948.	96	
Total.		118

Division of Population - December 31, 1948

Number of white men. . . 77	Number of white women....12
Number of colored men. . . 5	Number of colored women.. 2

Medical Report

Visits made by Home physician.	8
Average number of bed patients in the Home	22
Average number of different inmates seen in each clinic.	30
Average daily attendance in Home Nurses' Clinic.	35
Total number individuals receiving treatment at Jefferson Davis Clinics.	42
Emergency.	4
Medical.	10
X-ray.	3
Bone	3
Eye.	14
Dental	6
Cancer	11
Diabetic	12
Skin	6
Surgery.	6
Others	14
Total number of treatments received at Jefferson Davis Clinics.	89
Total number of inmates admitted to Jefferson Davis Hospital	23
Average hospital days per patient.	19
Total hospital days.	437

Products Produced and Consumed at the Institution

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Eggs	53	Cases	\$ 15.06	\$ 798.20
	352	pounds (or feet)	26	91.00

Received from Other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Bayland Home for Boys:				
Vegetables				\$ 20.00
Pork	657	Pounds	\$.68	\$ 446.76
Houston-Harris County Board of Public Welfare:				
Eggs, powdered	2	Cases	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Apples	10	Cases	4.00	40.00
Apple Sauce	11	Cases	4.00	44.00
Cabbage	500	CWT.	.03	15.00
Grapefruit Juice	17	Cases	3.00	51.00
Honey	2	Cases	4.00	8.00
Peaches, Evap.	11	Cases	5.00	55.00
Potatoes, Irish	38	CWT.	3.50	133.00
Prunes	9	Cases	5.00	45.00
Raisins	9	Cases	5.00	45.00
Total				\$ 922.76

Received from United States Court and United States Food and Drug Administration:

Condemned food for stock feed. 4800 pounds

Poultry and Live Stock

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Number of Chickens	120	Each	\$ 1.50	\$ 180.00
Number of Turkeys	3	Each	6.00	18.00
Number of Hogs	3	Each	25.00	75.00
Number of Mules	2	Each	150.00	300.00
Total				\$ 573.00

JUVENILE DETENTION HOME

The number of children held at the Juvenile Detention Home pending disposition of their cases in matters relating to misconduct remains about the same in 1948 as it was in 1947. A difference of about one per cent in the number of cases of children is shown in the total of 884 cases of children temporarily detained in 1948 as compared with 896 the year before.

The daily average number of children held during the year was 9.34. This is almost exactly the same as the number held in 1947. The length of time a child was detained is 3.3 days.

The Juvenile Detention Home facilities are inadequate. Excellent service is given by the staff, considering the limited equipment and housing facilities. There is little or no opportunity of developing a sound Detention Home program until a modern, well-planned Detention Home is constructed.

Volume

Number of cases of boys held temporarily in			
Juvenile Home			668
White	530		
Colored	138		
Number of cases of girls held temporarily in			
Juvenile Detention Home			216
White	168		
Colored	48		
Total Number of cases of children held temporarily			
in Juvenile Detention Home			884
White	668		
Colored	216		
Number of individual children held temporarily in			
Juvenile Detention Home			673
Girls	180		
White	137		
Colored	43		
Boys	493		
White	403		
Colored	90		

Age Groups

<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>		<u>Total Children</u>
	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Colored</u>	

Average age of children detained	14.5 years
Boys	14.2
White	14.5
Colored	13.9
Girls	15.1
White	15.4
Colored	15.
Average length of stay in Juvenile	
Detention Home (Days)	3.3
Boys	3.05
Girls	4.66

Residence of Cases of Children Detained

Residence in City of Houston	607
Boys	473
Girls	<u>134</u>
Residence in Har ris County - Outside Houston City	
Limits	111
Boys	89
Girls	<u>22</u>
Residence outside Harris County	166
Boys	110
Girls	<u>56</u>
	884
Daily average number of children in Juvenile	
Detention Home	9.34

Products Received from other Sources

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>Value</u>
Bayland Orphans' Home for Boys:				
Miscellaneous Vegetables ...				\$ 49.62
Houston-Harris County Board of				
Public Welfare:				
Irish Potatoes	1600	Pounds	\$.03½	54.00
Dried Eggs	1	Case	10.00	10.00
Apples	3	Boxes	4.00	12.00
Grapefruit Juice	3	Cases	3.00	9.00

VOLUME

RECAPITULATION

PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY INSTITUTIONS

Cases of all persons		13,822
Probation Department	12,403	
Mary Burnett and Ethel A. Claxton Schools	325	
Bayland Home for Boys	92	
Harris County Home for the Aged	118	
Juvenile Detention Home	884	
Individuals represented in cases		18,555
Probation Department	17,136	
Children	12,704	
Adults	4,432	
Mary Burnett and Ethel A. Claxton Schools	325	
Bayland Home for Boys	92	
Harris County Home for the Aged (Adults)	118	
Juvenile Detention Home (Children)	884	
Number of children known to all Departments		14,005
Number of adults known to all Departments		<u>4,550</u>
Total		18,555